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L.D. 98

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Majority

(Filing No. H-59)

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 63, L.D. 98, "An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program"

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12501-A, sub-§12-A is enacted to read:

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12-A. School counselor. "School counselor" means a person who is employed as a school counselor in a school setting and who:

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A. Is certified as a school counselor by the department; or

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B. Possesses a minimum of a master's degree in an approved program in guidance and counseling.'

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Amend the bill in section 4 in §12502 in the 2nd indented paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "works in a school" and inserting the following: 'is employed in a certified instructional or student support role, specifically as a teacher, school counselor or licensed speech pathologist, in a school'

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a definition for "school counselor." The amendment also clarifies that the recipient of a loan repayment award must be employed in a certified instructional or student support role, specifically as a teacher, school counselor or licensed speech pathologist, in a school in an underserved geographic area.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 03/10/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 98

LR 174(02)

An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-59)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Finance Authority of Maine associated with adding school counselor as a postbaccalaureate certification pursuit that is eligible for financial assistance under the Educators for Maine Program can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.