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House of Representatives, January 27, 2026

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115:
The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive
Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough for the Department of Education,
State Board of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered
printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review;
and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption notwithstanding truncated comment period. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized, notwithstanding that the filing period for written statements and arguments concerning the proposed rule closed 9 days after the public hearing.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education. This resolve authorizes adoption of the rule notwithstanding the truncated public comment period of 9 days.