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CHAPTER 203

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS

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§ 1751. Certificate; regulation; revocation

Certificates of qualification signed by the commissioner shall be granted to all candidates who pass satisfactory examinations in such branches as are required or permitted by law to be taught in the public schools and who in other respects fulfill the proper requirements. No person shall be eligible for a certificate unless he is at least 17 years of age and has completed not less than an approved secondary school course or unless he shall present satisfactory evidence of such educational attainment otherwise secured as may be adjudged by the commissioner to be the equivalent of said approved secondary school course. Such certificate shall be either probationary or permanent, and shall indicate the grade of schools which the person named therein is qualified to teach. No certificate of secondary grade shall be granted to any person who has not completed the equivalent of 2 years of a college course. No certificate shall be granted to any person to teach in the public schools of the State unless he furnishes evidence of good moral character and meets such requirements as to preliminary education and training as may be prescribed by the commissioner; nor shall a certificate be granted to any person to teach in the elementary schools who cannot present satisfactory evidence of such training in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. The certificate may be granted without the examination prescribed to graduates of colleges and Maine state normal schools or of other normal training schools having a 2 years' course for graduates of high schools or academies and to teachers of 2 years' service and satisfactory fitness, on the presentation of such evidence of fitness and under such special conditions as the commissioner may prescribe. Certificates may, under the rules prescribed by the commissioner, be granted to persons holding state certificates granted by authority of other states. Any certificate granted under this or any pre-

ceding law may for sufficient cause be revoked and annulled. Nothing in this section relative to revocation of teachers' certificates shall be retroactive. Any teacher whose certificate has been revoked shall be granted a hearing on request before a committee, one member to be selected by the commissioner, the 2nd by the teacher involved and the 3rd by the other 2 members. The hearings before this committee may be public at their discretion and their decision shall be final.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 184; 1955, c. 369, § 8.

§ 1752. List of persons certificated

A list of persons certificated under section 1751 shall be kept in the office of the commissioner and copies of the same with such information as may be desired shall be sent to school committees and superintendents upon their request.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 185.

§ 1753. Certificate necessary for employment

No persons shall be employed to teach in any school under the supervision and control of any school officials of any administrative unit of this State who do not hold a state certificate as provided for in this Title. All state certificates granted before July 12, 1913 shall continue in force in accordance with the terms stated therein. The commissioner is authorized to formulate all rules and regulations necessary for the carrying out of this section and sections 1751 and 1752.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 186; 1957, c. 364, § 77.

§ 1754. Teaching without certificate; penalty

Whoever teaches a public school without first obtaining a state teachers' certificate, as provided in this Title, is barred from receiving pay therefor and shall forfeit to the administrative unit in which he so taught such amounts as he shall have received for wages for such illegal teaching.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 187; 1957, c. 364, § 78.