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Teachers Contracts

Paragraph 7., Section 87, Chapter 41, Revised Statutes of 1958, under the general heading of powers and duties of school superintendents provides that the superintendent shall nominate all teachers subject to the regulations governing salaries and qualifications of teachers as the superintending school committee may make, and shall employ teachers subject to the approval of the school committee. The statute then provides that after a probationary period which cannot exceed 3 years, all subsequent contracts of duly certified teachers shall be not less than two years. At the expiration of the two-year contract, if the teacher receives no notice to the contrary at least 6 months prior to the termination date of the contract, and no new contract is negotiated, the contract in existence shall be automatically extended for a one-year period.

It appears that notice to terminate must be given to the teacher before the contract can be terminated or there is an automatic extension.

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