

STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE AMENDMENT "^A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1069, L.D. 1349, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Teacher Certification."

Amend said amendment by striking out all of that part designated "<u>\$59.</u>" and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§59. Certification of teachers

The State Board of Education shall, in accordance with such rules and regulations as it may prescribe, authorize the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to certify and revoke the certification of teachers and other professional personnel for service in any public school in the State, or in any nonpublic school which accepts public funds for tuition or is approved for attendance purposes under section 911. The State Board of Education may, in accordance with such rules and regulations as it prescribes, authorize the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to certify adult education teachers and other teaching and professional personnel in publicly supported education programs other than those in the public schools, post-high school " institutes, colleges and universities. The State Board of Education shall, in accordance with such rules and regulations as it prescribes, authorize the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to approve the employment of teacher aides, teacher assistants or other semiprofessional personnel

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for service in the kinds of schools described in this section. The State Board of Education may have the advice in matters of certification of a body of qualified practitioncers and representatives of the public to be appointed by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services in accordance with rules established by the State Board of Education. This advisory body shall review proposed changes in rules and regulations which relate to certification and revocation of certification of school personnel and which have been drafted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for presentation to the State Board of Education.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to place the responsibility for the certification and decertification of school personnel under the control of the State Board of Education, to specify the involvement of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services in these processes and to make a body of practitioners and representatives of the public advisory to the State Board of Education.

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