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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 640, L.D. 2029, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Teacher Employment."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §161, sub-§5, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as last amended by P.L. 1973, c.454, §1, is further amended to read:

Except that after a probationary period of not to exceed ~~3~~ 2 years, subsequent contracts of duly certified teachers shall be for not less than 2 years, and unless a duly certified teacher receives written notice to the contrary at least 6 months before the terminal date of the contract, the contract shall be extended automatically for one year and similarly in subsequent years until age 65, although the right to an extension for a longer period of time through a new contract is specifically reserved to the contracting parties.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §161, sub-§5, first ¶, as last amended by P.L. 1973, c.454, §1, is further amended ^{inserting} by/after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

Just cause for dismissal or non-renewal may be a negotiable item in accordance with the procedures set forth in Title 26, c.9-A, for teachers who have served beyond the probationary period.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the probationary period for teachers from 3 to 2 years and to change the dismissal procedures.

Reported by the Committee on Education.

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