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H. P. 953

House of Representatives, March 14, 1979

Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Mr. Diamond of Windham, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Gowen of Standish.

Cosponsor: Mr. Leighton of Harrison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Exempt Teacher Certification Records from the Freedom of Access Statutes.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

20 MRSA § 1752 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1752. List of persons certified; records confidential

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

2. Records confidential. The records of persons certified under section 1751 and maintained as required by subsection 1 are confidential and shall only be made available to the following:

- A. School committees and superintendents as authorized in subsection 1;**
- B. Authorized personnel of the department in fulfilling assigned duties; and**
- C. Individuals and their representatives who request to examine their own records.**

3. Duplication costs. Individuals requesting copies of their records shall bear the costs of copying those records.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to protect an individual's right to privacy by limiting access to records placed on file in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.