

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1082

House of Representatives, March 20, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Require that all Teachers have at Least 9 Credit Hours in Special Education.**

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

**Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 1751**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 551, § 2, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

**No certificate for elementary or secondary school teachers shall be granted to any person unless he has completed at least 9 credit hours of professional study in special education.**

**Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 1902**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 510, § 23, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**Any certified teacher who has not received at least 9 credit hours of professional study in special education shall, within 5 years of the effective date of this paragraph, complete at least 9 credit hours of professional study in special education. If such study is not completed the teacher shall not be eligible for renewal of his teaching certificate after the 5-year period has elapsed.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that all teachers have at least 9 credit hours of training in special education.