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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1064

H. P. 897

House of Representatives, February 27, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Establish a Teacher Certification Board.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 59, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §§ 306 & 307, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 1751, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 571, § 38, is further amended to read:

Certificates shall be issued by the ~~Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services~~ **Teacher Certification Board**, to teachers and other professional personnel for service in any public elementary or secondary school in the State or in any such nonpublic school as accepts public funds for tuition. **The Teacher Certification Board may seek to revoke those certificates in the Administrative Court.** Authorizations may be granted by the commissioner for the employment of teacher aides, teacher assistants or other semiprofessional personnel for service in the kinds of schools described in this section.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 1753, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 24, § 10, is further amended to read:

~~The State Board of Education is authorized to~~ **Teacher Certification Board may** formulate all rules and regulations necessary for the carrying out of this section and sections 1751 and 1752, **subject to the consent of the State Board of Education.**

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 1755 is enacted to read:

§ 1755. Teacher Certification Board

1. Created. There is created the Teacher Certification Board, composed of 7 members from the teaching profession appointed by the Governor. The board shall implement this chapter, with the advice and consent of the State Board of Education.

2. Appointment. Of the first members appointed, 2 shall hold office for one year, 2 for 2 years and 3 for 3 years. Thereafter, appointees shall serve for a 3-year term. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term. The Governor shall designate a chairman.

3. Meetings; quorum; expenses. The board shall hold meetings at the call of the chairman and when necessary to conduct the business of the board. Four of the members constitute a quorum. The members shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

4. Cooperation. The staff of the department shall cooperate with and provide support for the board.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill creates a Teacher Certification Board, within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, to implement the law requiring the certification of teachers. This function is presently performed by the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. The board would be comprised of 7 members, appointed by the Governor, from the teaching profession for 3-year terms. Their actions would require the advice and consent of the State Board of Education.