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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 871, L.D. 1228, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for State Certification of School Administrators."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSa §13011, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Administrator certificates. The state board rules shall establish qualifications for certifying superintendents of schools, principals and directors of vocational education and shall also establish qualifications for such other certificates for administrators as may be determined to be necessary and beneficial for the efficient operation of the schools.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSa §13012, as amended by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. I, §1, is further amended to read:

§13012. Provisional teacher certificate

1. Definition. A provisional teacher certificate is the entry level certificate issued to an individual who has not taught previously in the State.

2. Qualifications. State board rules governing the qualifications for a provisional teacher certificate shall require that a certificate may only be issued to an applicant who, at a minimum:

A. For elementary school, has graduated from an accredited, degree-granting institution upon completion of:

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1                   (1) A 4-year program in liberal arts and  
2                   sciences; or

3                   (2) An approved 4-year teacher preparation  
4                   program and has majored in the subject area  
5                   to be taught or an interdisciplinary program  
6                   in liberal arts; and

7                   Has met other academic and preprofessional re-  
8                   quirements established by the state board for  
9                   teaching at the elementary school level;

10                  B. For secondary school, has graduated from an  
11                  accredited, degree-granting, educational institu-  
12                  tion upon completion of:

13                   (1) A 4-year program in liberal arts and  
14                   sciences; or

15                   (2) An approved 4-year teacher preparation  
16                   program and has majored in the subject area  
17                   to be taught; and

18                  Has met other academic and preprofessional re-  
19                  quirements established by the state board for  
20                  teaching at the secondary school level; or;

21                  C. Is otherwise qualified by having met separate  
22                  educational criteria for specialized teaching ar-  
23                  eas including, but not limited to, special educa-  
24                  tion, home economics, agriculture, vocational edu-  
25                  cation, art, music, business education, physical  
26                  education and industrial arts, as established by  
27                  the state board for teaching in these specialized  
28                  areas.;

29                  3. Endorsements. The provisional teacher certif-  
30                  icate shall be issued with an endorsement which spec-  
31                  ifies the grades and subject area which the teacher  
32                  is deemed qualified to teach. The state board shall  
33                  by rule establish the criteria for assessing teacher

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1 proficiency and subject matter competency for the  
2 provisional certificate. A holder of a provisional  
3 teacher certificate may not teach outside his or her  
4 area of endorsement unless he or she has received a  
5 waiver from the commissioner in accordance with state  
6 board rules. These endorsements shall not apply to  
7 teachers in private schools approved for attendance  
8 purposes only.

9 4. Two-year limit. The provisional teacher cer-  
10 tificate may be issued for a 2-year period and may  
11 only be renewed in accordance with section 13016.

12 5. Qualifying examinations. The provisional  
13 teacher certificate shall only be issued to those ap-  
14 plicants who have taken the teacher qualifying exami-  
15 nations set forth in chapter 502-A.

16 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13016, sub-§4, as enacted by  
17 PL 1983, c. 845, §4, is repealed.

18 Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §13018, as enacted by PL 1983,  
19 c. 845, §4, is amended to read:

20 §13018. Recertification of 5-year and 10-year teach-  
21 er certificates

22 Teachers, who hold certificates issued in accord-  
23 ance with chapter 501, shall continue to hold those  
24 certificates until their termination dates. All cer-  
25 tificates issued after June 30, 1988, shall be issued  
26 in accordance with this chapter. Teachers who held  
27 5-year or 10-year certificates prior to June 30,  
28 1988, shall be considered to have held professional  
29 teacher certificates for the purpose of  
30 recertification under this chapter.

31 Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §§13019-A to 13019-E are en-  
32 acted to read:

33 §13019-A. Superintendent certificate

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1           1. Initial certification. A superintendent's  
2 certificate is the certificate required for employ-  
3 ment as a superintendent of a school administrative  
4 unit in the State. State board rules shall require  
5 that qualifications for such a certificate include  
6 the following:

7           A. Evidence of at least 3 years of satisfactory  
8 teaching experience or an equivalent experience;

9           B. Evidence of previous administrative experi-  
10 ence in schools or equivalent experience;

11           C. Academic and professional knowledge as demon-  
12 strated through the completion of required gradu-  
13 ate or undergraduate courses or programs, per-  
14 formance in examinations or completion of spe-  
15 cialized programs approved for this purpose;

16           D. A basic level of knowledge in the following  
17 areas:

18                   (1) Community relations;

19                   (2) School finance and budget;

20                   (3) Supervision and evaluation of person-  
21 nel;

22                   (4) Federal and state civil rights and edu-  
23 cation laws;

24                   (5) Organizational theory and planning;

25                   (6) Educational leadership;

26                   (7) Educational philosophy and theory;

27                   (8) Effective instruction;

28                   (9) Curriculum development;

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- 1                   (10) Staff development; and
- 2                   (11) Other competency areas as determined  
3                   by state board rule; and
- 4                   E. Satisfactory completion of an approved in-  
5                   ternship or practicum relating to the duties of a  
6                   superintendent.
- 7                   2. Certificate renewal. A superintendent's cer-  
8                   tificate is limited to 5 years in duration and may be  
9                   renewed based on further approved study or demon-  
10                   strated professional growth and improvement through  
11                   an approved administrator action plan in accordance  
12                   with state board rules.
- 13                   §13019-B. Principal certificate
- 14                   1. Initial certificate. A principal's certifi-  
15                   cate is the certificate required for employment as  
16                   principal of a public school and as chief administra-  
17                   tor of an approved private school. State board rules  
18                   shall require that qualifications for such a certifi-  
19                   cate include the following:
- 20                   A. Three years of satisfactory teaching experi-  
21                   ence or an equivalent relevant experience;
- 22                   B. Academic and professional knowledge as demon-  
23                   strated through the completion of graduate or un-  
24                   dergraduate courses or programs, performance in  
25                   examinations or completion of specialized pro-  
26                   grams approved for this purpose;
- 27                   C. A basic level of knowledge in the following  
28                   areas:
- 29                   (1) Community relations;
- 30                   (2) School finance and budget;
- 31                   (3) Supervision and evaluation of person-

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- 1                   nel;  
2                   (4) Federal and state civil rights and edu-  
3                   cation laws;  
4                   (5) Organizational theory and planning;  
5                   (6) Educational leadership;  
6                   (7) Educational philosophy and theory;  
7                   (8) Effective instruction;  
8                   (9) Curriculum development;  
9                   (10) Staff development; and  
10                   (11) Other competency areas as determined  
11                   by state board rule; and

12                   D. Satisfactory completion of an approved in-  
13                   ternship or practicum in the duties of a princi-  
14                   pal.

15                   2. Certificate renewal. A principal's certifi-  
16                   cate is limited to 5 years in duration and may be re-  
17                   newed based on further approved study or demonstrated  
18                   professional growth and improvement through an ap-  
19                   proved administrator action plan in accordance with  
20                   state board rules.

21                   §13019-C. Director of vocational education certifi-  
22                   cate

23                   1. Initial certificate. A director of vocation-  
24                   al education certificate shall be required of each  
25                   director of a vocational region or center established  
26                   pursuant to this Title and of a vocational program in  
27                   an approved school.

28                   2. State board rules shall require that qualifi-  
29                   cations for such a certificate include the following:

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- 1           A. Three years of satisfactory experience in  
2           teaching or vocational training or equivalent ex-  
3           perience;
- 4           B. Academic and professional knowledge as demon-  
5           strated through completion of graduate or under-  
6           graduate courses or programs, performance in ex-  
7           aminations or completion of specialized programs  
8           approved for this purpose;
- 9           C. A basic level of knowledge in the following  
10          areas:
- 11               (1) Community relations;
- 12               (2) School finance and budget;
- 13               (3) Supervision and evaluation of person-  
14               nel;
- 15               (4) Federal and state civil rights and edu-  
16               cation laws;
- 17               (5) Organizational theory and planning;
- 18               (6) Educational leadership;
- 19               (7) Educational philosophy and theory;
- 20               (8) Effective instruction;
- 21               (9) Curriculum development;
- 22               (10) Staff development; and
- 23               (11) Other competency areas as determined  
24               by state board rule; and
- 25           D. Satisfactory completion of an approved in-  
26           ternship or practicum relating to the duties of a  
27           director of vocational education.



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1           2. Certificate renewal. A certificate issued  
2 under this section is limited to 5 years in duration  
3 and may be renewed based on further graduate study or  
4 demonstrated professional growth and improvement  
5 through an approved administrator action plan in ac-  
6 cordance with state board rules.

7           §13019-D. Recertification of administrators

8           Administrators who hold certificates issued in  
9 accordance with chapter 501 shall continue to hold  
10 those certificates until their termination dates.  
11 Renewal of administrator certificates issued in ac-  
12 cordance with chapter 501 which are granted after the  
13 effective date of this Act and before July 1, 1988,  
14 shall be valid for 5 years. All certificates issued  
15 after June 30, 1988, shall be issued in accordance  
16 with this chapter.

17           §13019-E. Recertification of other professional per-  
18           sonnel

19           Professional personnel other than teachers and  
20 administrators who hold certificates issued pursuant  
21 to chapter 501 of this Title shall continue to hold  
22 those certificates until their termination dates.  
23 All certificates issued after June 30, 1988, shall be  
24 issued and renewed in accordance with rules of the  
25 state board adopted pursuant to this chapter.

26           Sec. 6. 20-A MRS §13021, as enacted by PL 1983,  
27 c. 845, §4, is amended to read:

28           §13021. Periodic review

29           The state board shall review teacher and  
30 administrator certificate standards every 6 years and  
31 report the results of its review to the Legislature,  
32 along with any proposed legislation. The first report  
33 to the Legislature shall be due starting with the  
34 legislative session beginning in December 1990.

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1            Sec. 7. Pilot project; report to the Legisla-  
 2            ture; legislative study. The Commissioner of Educa-  
 3            tional and Cultural Services shall establish pilot  
 4            projects for certification of administrators. The  
 5            commissioner may use the school based innovative  
 6            grants established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Ti-  
 7            tle 20-A, section 17103, for those projects and waive  
 8            the local match requirement established in the Maine  
 9            Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4254 for those  
 10          projects. At least 2 of the projects given such a  
 11          waiver will include the study of the mentor concept  
 12          or the development of administrator action plans for  
 13          certification and recertification of administrators.  
 14          The study required by Public Law 1983, chapter 845,  
 15          to be conducted by the commissioner and the state  
 16          board and the report required of the state board  
 17          shall also include consideration of administrator  
 18          certification. The study required by Public Law  
 19          1983, chapter 845, to be conducted by the joint  
 20          standing committee of the Legislature having juris-  
 21          diction over education shall also include administra-  
 22          tor certification.

23            Sec. 8. Effective date. Section 2 of this Act  
 24            shall be effective July 1, 1988.'

25    STATEMENT OF FACT

26            As part of the educational reforms of 1984, the  
 27            111th Legislature upgraded the certification stan-  
 28            dards for teachers. A central part of the certifica-  
 29            tion process was the establishment of locally based  
 30            support systems. If the school administration is to  
 31            play the role designed for them in the support team  
 32            process and in the evaluation of teachers for promo-  
 33            tion and retention, well qualified administrators are  
 34            crucial.

35            Increasing the standards of administrator certi-

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1      fication is a necessary outgrowth of increasing the  
2      certification standards of teachers. Improvement in  
3      the certification standards of one is dependent on  
4      improvement in standards of the other. Improvement  
5      in quality of education for students is dependent on  
6      both the quality of teachers and the quality of edu-  
7      cational leadership in the schools.

8           The bill establishes several categories which  
9      will be further defined in state board certification  
10     rules, including prior experience, academic and pro-  
11     fessional competencies and an internship or  
12     practicum. This amendment is intended to allow a  
13     flexible approach, through pilot projects and  
14     rulemaking by the state board, to determine final  
15     certification standards and procedures. For deter-  
16     mining the academic and professional competencies  
17     which candidates must demonstrate, the board may es-  
18     tablish a variety of procedures. These may include  
19     traditional academic studies, testing through exami-  
20     nation, innovative collaboratives between schools and  
21     professional schools, school-based education and  
22     training and validated "assessments" of candidates'  
23     professional competencies.

24           New rules shall be adopted by April 1, 1988.

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