

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 440

H.P. 310

House of Representatives, February 7, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARSANO of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook, Representative SKOGLUND of St. George and Representative BAILEY of Farmington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Increase the Probationary Period for Teacher Employment.**

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

2                   **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13201, 2nd ¶,** as enacted by PL 1981, c.  
4 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

6                   After a probationary period not to exceed 2 3 years,  
8 subsequent contracts of duly certified teachers shall must be for  
10 not less than 2 years. Unless a duly certified teacher receives  
12 written notice to the contrary at least 6 months before the  
14 terminal date of the contract, the contract shall ~~be~~ is extended  
automatically for one year and similarly in subsequent years.  
The right to an extension for a longer period of time through a  
new contract is specifically reserved to the contracting parties.

16                   **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13201, 4th ¶,** as amended by PL 1983, c.  
18 806, §93, is further amended to read:

20                   After a probationary period of 2 3 years, any teacher, who  
22 receives notice in accordance with this section that ~~his or her~~  
24 the teacher's contract is not going to be renewed, may, during  
26 the 15 days following such notification, request a hearing with  
the school board. The teacher may request reasons. The hearing  
shall must be private except by mutual consent and except that  
either or both parties may be represented by counsel. That  
hearing must be granted within 30 days of the receipt of the  
teacher's request.

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30                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32                   This bill changes the probationary period for teachers from  
34 2 to 3 years.