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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 500, L.D. 1338, Bill, "An Act Concerning Teacher Employment"

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13201, as amended by PL 1989, c. 285, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

A probationary teacher receiving notice from the superintendent of schools of the superintendent's decision not to nominate the teacher may request in writing, during the 15 days following notification, a written statement of reasons for the decision not to nominate. The superintendent shall furnish the statement within 15 days of the request. The reasons do not limit the discretion of the superintendent with respect to the nomination of a probationary teacher, nor is the superintendent's decision subject to arbitration under a collective bargaining agreement.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §13201, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1983, c. 806, §93, is further amended to read:

After a probationary period of 2 years, any teacher, who receives notice in accordance with this section that ~~his-or-her~~ the teacher's contract is not going to be renewed, may, during the 15 days following such notification, request a hearing with the school board. The teacher may-request is entitled to receive a written statement of the reasons for nonrenewal upon providing written request to the superintendent. The superintendent shall furnish the statement within 15 days of the request. The hearing ~~shall~~ must be private except by mutual consent and except that either or both parties may be represented by counsel. That

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2 hearing must be granted within 30 days of the receipt of the
teacher's written request.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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8 The original bill required reasons for not renewing a
nonprobationary teacher's employment contract to be provided in
writing to the teacher by the school. This amendment requires
10 the teacher's request to be in writing. The amendment also
provides the same opportunity to request and receive written
12 reasons for nonrenewal of contract to probationary teachers.

Reported by Senator Estes for the Committee on Education.
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