

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1338

S.P. 500

In Senate, March 28, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Oxford  
Cosponsored by Representative OLIVER of Portland and Representative HANDY of  
Lewiston.

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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 Concerning Teacher Employment.

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

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20-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 written reasons for nonrenewal at the request of the teacher. 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.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Currently, a teacher may request reasons for nonrenewal of that teacher's contract but is often given inadequate information. This bill requires a school superintendent to give written reasons for nonrenewal of a teacher's contract at that teacher's request.