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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 262, L.D. 800, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Credentialing of School Psychological Service Providers"

Amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~S13022.~~" by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Qualifications. State board rules governing the qualifications for a school psychological service provider certificate must require that a certificate be issued only to an applicant who has met the academic and preprofessional requirements established by the state board for the provision of school psychological services and who, at a minimum:

A. Holds a graduate degree from an accredited program in school psychology that was approved by the National Association of School Psychologists/National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education or the American Psychological Association in School Psychology at the time the degree was awarded;

B. Has completed graduate work that is determined by the commissioner to be substantially similar to the programs referred to in paragraph A; or

C. Holds a valid license from the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists with demonstrated competency in the area of school psychology as established by the state board.

4. Term of issuance. The commissioner shall issue a school psychological service provider certificate for a term of years consistent with rules adopted by the state board. The length of

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2 the term may vary among certificate holders so as to be
3 coterminous with any other professional license or certificate
4 held by the school psychological service provider. The school
5 psychological service provider certificate may be renewed in
6 accordance with academic and professional requirements
7 established by the state board.'

8 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
9 "§13022." in subsection 6 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) in
10 the first line (page 2, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the
11 following: "of" the following: 'rules and'

12 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
13 "§13022." in subsection 6 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in
14 division (i) in the last line (page 2, line 28 in L.D.) by
15 striking out the following: "and"

16 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
17 "§13022." in subsection 6 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in
18 division (ii) in the last line (page 2, line 32 in L.D.) by
19 striking out the following: "board." and inserting in its place
20 the following: 'board; and'

21 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
22 "§13022." in subsection 6 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) by
23 inserting after division (ii) the following:

24 '(iii) Investigating alleged violations of
25 section 13020 and certification rules governing
26 school psychological service providers.'

27 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
28 "§13022." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

29 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
30 statement of fact the following:

31 **FISCAL NOTE**

32 The Division of Special Education within the Department of
33 Education will incur some additional costs for the meeting
34 expenses of the Advisory Committee on School Psychological
35 Service Providers. These costs can be absorbed within the
36 division's existing budgeted resources.'

37 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This amendment adds a provision requiring that a school
39 psychological service provider certificate must be issued to a

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2 person who holds a valid license from the State Board of
Examiners of Psychologists and who meets other requirements
4 established by the State Board of Education.

6 The amendment expands the duties of the Advisory Committee
on School Psychological Service Providers to include
8 investigation of alleged violations of the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13020 and of certification rules
10 governing school psychological service providers.

12 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by Senator O'Dea for the Committee on Education.
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