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House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

An Act Concerning Authorization of Educational Technicians.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMAIRE of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, GAGNE of Buckfield, GREEN of Monmouth,
HATCH of Skowhegan, SAMSON of Jay.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 207, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 C. Authorize educational technicians for service in schools;

8 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 207, §1, is further amended to read:

10 D. Seek a revocation of a certificate or authorization in
12 the Administrative Court; and

14 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 845, §4, is amended to read:

16 4. **Appeal.** An applicant who has been denied the issuance or
18 renewal of a certificate or authorization by the commissioner
20 under this chapter may appeal that denial in accordance with
22 rules established by the state board and consistent with the
provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,
chapter 375.

24 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §13023** is enacted to read:

26 **§13023. Educational technician authorization**

28 1. Authorization. The educational technician authorization
is a renewable authorization issued to paraprofessional personnel
30 who have achieved minimum educational standards for work in
schools.

32 2. Qualifications. The commissioner shall adopt rules to
34 define the function, preparation and supervision for the
different levels of educational technician authorization. Rules
36 adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules
pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

38 3. Five-year authorization. An educational technician
40 authorization is issued for a 5-year period and may be renewed
upon presentation of documentation that the educational
42 technician has completed at least 3 hours of professional or
academic study or in-service training that is new learning and
44 related to the occupation of educational technicians.

46 4. Upgrade of authorization. An educational technician may
at any time apply for and receive an upgraded authorization so
48 long as the educational technician presents evidence of meeting
the educational preparation requirements for that authorization.

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SUMMARY

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This bill incorporates the educational technician authorization into the laws governing certification of educational personnel.