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H.P. 934

House of Representatives, February 27, 1997

**An Act to Require Individuals to Pass At Least 2 National Teachers
Examination Core Battery Tests before Being Able to Be Recertified.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska. (By Request)

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13016, sub-§§5 and 6 are enacted to read:

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5. Examination. A person employed as a teacher, teaching principal or curriculum coordinator who holds a provisional teacher, professional teacher or master teacher certificate is not eligible for renewal of the certificate unless the holder of the certificate has received a minimum qualifying score in at least 2 of the 3 areas tested in the National Teachers Examination core battery tests within 10 years of the application for renewal of the certificate. The minimum qualifying score must be established by the state board, but must be equal to the minimum qualifying score established for applicants taking the teachers qualifying examination pursuant to section 13035. If a holder of a certificate seeking recertification is a teacher of vocational education and the holder has never taken the National Teachers Examination core battery tests, the holder of the certificate may use minimum qualifying scores established by the state board on the Pre-Professional Skills Test or the Praxis I test for the purposes of renewal of a certificate under this subsection. Upon application by an employing school unit, the state board may grant a temporary certification of up to 12 months to a holder of a certificate who has not met the requirements of this subsection.

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6. New endorsements. The requirements of subsection 5 also apply to a holder of a provisional teacher, professional teacher or master teacher certificate if the holder of the certificate seeks an endorsement to teach in a different subject area or grades or if the holder of the certificate seeks a different level of certification under this chapter.

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Sec. 2. Rules. Rules adopted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13016, subsections 5 and 6 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

SUMMARY

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This bill requires teachers, teaching principals and curriculum coordinators seeking recertification to meet certain examination requirements within 10 years of the application for recertification. Applicants for recertification must receive passing scores in at least 2 of the 3 areas tested by the National Teachers Examination. The bill allows temporary certification of teachers who have not met the examination requirements.

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The bill also requires teachers seeking recertification to teach in a different subject area or grades or seeking a different level of certification to meet these certification requirements.