

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

DATE: 3-30-00

(Filing No. H-983)

MAJORITY
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1431, L.D. 2054, Bill, "An Act to Extend New Teachers' Probationary Periods"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13201, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 285, is further amended to read:

The superintendent shall nominate all teachers, subject to such regulations governing salaries and the qualifications of teachers as the school board shall make. Upon the approval of nominations, by the school board, the superintendent may employ teachers so nominated and approved for such terms as the superintendent may deem proper, subject to the approval of the school board. Prior to May 15th before the expiration of a ~~first~~ ~~ex-2nd-year~~ probationary teacher's contract, the superintendent shall notify the teacher in writing of the superintendent's decision to nominate or not nominate that teacher for another teaching contract. Upon the nomination of the superintendent and the approval of the school board, a probationary teacher in the 2nd year of a probationary contract may have the probationary contract extended to a 3rd probationary year. The superintendent shall annually report to the commissioner regarding the number of probationary teacher contracts that have been extended to a 3rd probationary year. If, after receiving a complaint from a teacher, the commissioner finds that the superintendent has

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1431, L.D. 2054

R 10

2 failed to notify a teacher of a decision not to nominate that
3 teacher, the school administrative unit shall pay a forfeiture to
4 the teacher. The amount of that forfeiture shall must be equal
5 to the teacher's per diem salary rate times the number of days
6 between the notification deadline and the date on which
7 notification is made or on which the complaint is filed,
8 whichever occurs first. In case the superintendent of schools
9 and the school board fail to legally elect a teacher, the
10 commissioner shall have the authority to appoint a substitute
11 teacher who shall serve until such election is made.'

12

SUMMARY

14

15 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. In
16 the amendment, upon the nomination of the superintendent and the
17 approval of the school board, a probationary teacher in the 2nd
18 year of a probationary contract may have the contract extended to
19 a 3rd probationary year. Superintendents are also required to
20 annually report to the Commissioner of Education regarding the
21 number of probationary teacher contracts that have been extended
22 to a 3rd probationary year.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT