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No. 329

S.P. 103

In Senate, January 30, 2001

An Act to Increase the Number of Teachers.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHOREY of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and Representative: McDONOUGH of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Alternative certification for military personnel. The department, the state board and the University of Maine System shall create a program for retired military personnel to complete the necessary requirements for teacher certification in an abbreviated period of time and at a reduced cost or for free. In exchange, the retired military person agrees to teach in a public school for a specified period of time following completion of the necessary courses. Teachers certified under this alternative certification receive compensation at a reduced rate based upon the amount of the teacher's military pension. The state board shall adopt rules to carry out the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Education, the State Board of Education and the University of Maine System to create a program to encourage retired military personnel to seek teacher certification and to teach in the State.