

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 685

House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

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**An Act to Establish a Mandated Minimum for Teachers' Salaries.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BAKER of Bangor.  
Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro,  
President MICHAUD of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, ETNIER of Harpswell, LaVERDIERE of Wilton,  
RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Speaker SAXL of Portland, WATSON of Farmingdale,  
Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, SAWYER of Penobscot, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13405** is enacted to read:

6 **§13405. Updated minimum salaries**

8 Starting with the 2001-2002 school year, each school  
10 administrative unit and state-operated school shall establish a  
12 minimum starting salary for certified teachers of \$25,000 per  
14 year.

16 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13511** is enacted to read:

18 **§13511. Additional payments 2001-2002**

20 Pursuant to the provisions of the teacher recognition grants  
22 described in this chapter, each school administrative unit and  
24 qualifying private school shall receive a block grant of \$800 per  
26 teacher, to be used to supplement teacher salaries in accordance  
28 with the minimum salary requirement set forth in section 13405  
and for other purposes related to teacher salaries, as locally  
determined.

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a mandatory minimum salary of \$25,000 for certified teachers and provides a block grant of \$800 per teacher to each school administrative unit for teachers' salaries.