

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1008

S.P. 297

In Senate, February 20, 2001

An Act to Assist the Teacher Certification Process.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford and
Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the Department of Education retains documents
submitted to support applications for teacher certification; and

8 **Whereas,** the Department of Education plans to move to its
new location in the Cross State Office Building in January 2001;
and

12 **Whereas,** the renovated location has limited space to house
copies of the teacher certification documents; and

14 **Whereas,** it is important to provide funds to allow for
electronic storage of these documents; and

18 **Whereas,** the 90-day period may terminate after the beginning
of the next fiscal year; and

20 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

28 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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32 **2000-01**

34 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

36 **Support Systems**

38 All Other \$44,000

40 Provides funds for a contract
to electronically scan new
42 and existing documents
submitted to support
44 applications for teacher
certification.

46 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
48 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$44,000 to the Department of Education in fiscal year 2000-01 to contract to electronically scan teacher certification documents.

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