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House of Representatives, February 22, 2001

An Act Concerning Teacher Certification for Targeted Need Areas.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative NORTON of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DESMOND of Mapleton, JACOBS of Turner,
LEDWIN of Holden, SKOGLUND of St. George, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senator:
CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1997, c. 452, §5, is further amended to read:

E. Certify or authorize personnel who provide early childhood educational programs or developmental therapy to children with disabilities from birth to under 9 years of age in the home, in community-based special purpose and integrated programs and in public schools; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§1, ¶F, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 791, §5, is amended to read:

F. Approve all individuals for whom certification or authorization is not required prior to being hired or being placed under contract by a public school or a private school that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students; and

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Approve programs authorized to prepare and certify educators for practice in the State.

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 845, §4, is amended to read:

3. Teacher certificates. The state board rules shall recognize ~~at least 3 categories of teacher~~ certificates as identified in sections 13012 to 13014. The state board may issue rules authorizing emergency employment under a conditional certificate of individuals who do not meet the requirements for a provisional certificate.

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 673, §1, is amended to read:

9. Targeted need certificate. The state board shall adopt rules that establish criteria under which a targeted need area certificate may be issued. This certificate may be issued only to a person holding a bachelor's degree and teaching in a teacher shortage area. ~~The teacher shortage area is determined by the commissioner.~~ Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

A. The commissioner shall determine annually teacher shortage areas. The commissioner shall identify the use of

