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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 714, L.D. 957, Bill, "An Act To Retain Teachers Holding Targeted Need Area Certificates"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Retain Teachers Holding Targeted Need Area Certificates, Conditional Certificates or Transitional Endorsements'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

9. Targeted need area certificate; exception. 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 2-A. Any amendment to the rules adopted pursuant to this subsection that revises the qualifications for a targeted need area certificate does not apply to a person who was issued a targeted need area certificate prior to or during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the original rules as long as the holder of the targeted need area certificate annually completes the required course work and testing as determined by the department for the school year preceding the adoption of revised rules.

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2 certificates or transitional endorsements. Teachers who were
3 issued targeted need area certificates, conditional certificates
4 or transitional endorsements to teach prior to or during the
5 school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the original
6 rules are exempt from any revision in the qualifications required
7 by amended rules adopted by the State Board of Education for
8 targeted need area certificates, conditional certificates or
9 transitional endorsements, provided that the holder of the
10 targeted need area certificate, conditional certificate or
11 transitional endorsement annually completes the required course
12 work and testing as determined by the Department of Education for
13 the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the
14 original rules.

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16 2. It also provides that, until the Department of Education
17 adopts revised rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
18 20-A, section 13011, subsection 9, the Department of Education
19 may issue 2nd and 3rd targeted need area certificates to
20 prelingually deaf applicants provided that an applicant can show
21 evidence of having attempted the Pre-professional Skills Test
22 during the first or 2nd year of holding the targeted need area
23 certificate.

24 3. It also directs the Department of Education to consider
25 the concerns raised by the Superintendent of the Governor Baxter
26 School for the Deaf and advocates for teachers of the deaf who
27 are prelingually deaf regarding the need for accommodations for
28 prelingually deaf applicants for targeted need area certificates
29 as the department proceeds with the filing of the revised rule
30 for the remaining portions of Chapter 115: Certification,
Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel.