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House of Representatives, February 25, 2003

An Act To Retain Teachers Holding Targeted Need Area Certificates

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: DUPREY of Medway, FISCHER of Presque Isle, O'BRIEN of Lewiston,
ROGERS of Brewer, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

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

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8 **9. Targeted need area certificate; exception.** The state
board shall adopt rules that establish criteria under which a
10 targeted need area certificate may be issued. This certificate
12 may be issued only to a person holding a bachelor's degree and
teaching in a teacher shortage area. The teacher shortage area
14 is determined by the commissioner. Rules adopted pursuant to
this subsection are major substantive rules in accordance with
16 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A 2-A. Any amendment to the
original rules adopted pursuant to this subsection that increases
the qualifications for a targeted need area certificate does not
18 apply to a person who was issued a targeted need area certificate
prior to or during the 2002-2003 school year under the original
rules adopted pursuant to this subsection.

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SUMMARY

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24 This bill provides an exception from any amended rules
adopted by the State Board of Education that increase the
26 qualifications requirements for targeted need area certificates.
Teachers who were issued targeted need area certificates to teach
28 in teacher shortage areas prior to or during the 2002-2003 school
year are exempt from any increase in the qualifications required
30 by amended rules adopted by the State Board of Education for
targeted need area certificates.