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House of Representatives, February 26, 2003

An Act To Reduce the Processing Time for Substitute Teacher Fingerprinting

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6103, sub-§4-A, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1999,
4 c. 791, §4, is amended to read:

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SUMMARY

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Current law requires that a regular school employee subject to the fingerprinting and criminal history record check requirements must meet these requirements prior to the 20th day of employment. This bill provides that, beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, a person employed by a school as a substitute, and who also needs fingerprinting and a criminal history record check must be issued a temporary approval card by the Department of Education and must meet the fingerprinting and criminal history record check requirements within 8 weeks of employment. The bill also provides that, for a person employed as a substitute and who has been fingerprinted pursuant to criminal history record check requirements, the temporary approval card remains valid until the Commissioner of Education determines whether approval is granted or denied based on the criminal history record information obtained from the State Bureau of Identification.