

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 814

House of Representatives, March 8, 2005

### An Act To Augment and Diversify the Ranks of Maine Educators

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.  
Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and  
Representatives: KAELIN of Winterport, LANSLEY of Sabattus, MERRILL of Appleton,  
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13016-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§13016-A. Foreign teacher certificate**

8 **1. Foreign teacher certificate.** Notwithstanding any other requirements of this chapter, a person may apply for a foreign teacher certificate to teach in this State if that person:

10 A. Holds a bachelor's degree or equivalent from a college  
12 or university, which if located in the United States must be  
14 regionally accredited;

16 B. Is licensed or holds authorization to teach in a country  
18 outside the United States;

20 C. Has at least 2 years of experience teaching; and

22 D. Is otherwise determined to be eligible by the  
24 commissioner.

26 **2. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to  
28 implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section  
30 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
32 subchapter 2-A.

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows an experienced teacher who is certified or licensed to teach in a foreign country to apply for a special certificate to teach in Maine.