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STATE OF MAINE
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122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 430, L.D. 1251, "Resolve, To Establish a System for Verification of Proficiency for Prelingually Deaf Candidates for Teacher Certification"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Rules; certification. Resolved: That the State Board of Education shall amend Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Educational Personnel, a rule of the Department of Education, to provide an alternative means of verifying the proficiency of prelingually deaf teacher certification candidates. The alternative must be available for prelingually deaf teacher certification candidates in lieu of the current requirements that teacher certification candidates demonstrate their knowledge of basic skills, subject content and pedagogy through achievement of qualifying scores on standardized qualifying examinations. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapters 502 and 502-A, the amendment to the rule is a major substantive rule as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 502 or any rule that limits the number of years for which a targeted need area certificate may be issued, the Department of Education shall continue to issue renewals of targeted need area certificates pursuant to Title 20-A, section 13011, subsection 9 to prelingually deaf teachers who meet the criteria set forth in rules for such certification. The amendment to the rule adopted

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2 pursuant to this resolve must specify when the limitation on the
number of renewals of targeted need area certificates for
4 prelingually deaf teachers must be reinstated.'

6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment replaces the resolve and requires the State
Board of Education to amend the teacher certification rules to
10 provide an alternative means for prelingually deaf teacher
certification candidates to demonstrate their proficiency. The
12 amendment also suspends the limitation on targeted need
certificates for prelingually deaf teachers to allow prelingually
14 deaf teacher certification candidates more time to demonstrate
their proficiency.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A*

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with rulemaking can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.