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Resolve, To Establish a System for Verification of Proficiency for Prelingually Deaf Candidates for Teacher Certification

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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President EDMONDS of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg and Representative: NORTON of Bangor.

Sec. 1. Department of Education to adopt rules to establish system 2 for verification of proficiency for prelingually deaf candidates for teacher certification. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall adopt major substantive rules, as defined in the Maine Revised 4 Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, that establish a system for verifying the proficiency of prelingually deaf teacher Б certification candidates. This system must be available to prelingually deaf teacher certification candidates in lieu of 8 achievement of the required scores on the Praxis assessment. This system must be modeled after the one that has been used in 10 California to certify prelingually deaf teachers, school counselors, psychologists and social workers. 12 The system must include the establishment of a 3-person panel to oversee the teacher for 2 years to verify that the teacher has the ability to 14 perform the functions of the job. 16

SUMMARY

20 This resolve directs the Department of Education to adopt major substantive rules to establish a system for verifying the 22 proficiency of prelingually deaf candidates for teacher certification.

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