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An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Certification of Educational Personnel

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MERRILL of Appleton.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and
Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, MAKAS of Lewiston, NORTON of Bangor.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1997, c. 452, §5, is further amended to read:

E. Certify or authorize personnel who provide early childhood educational programs or developmental therapy to children ~~with disabilities~~ from birth to ~~under-9~~ 5 years of age in the home, in community-based special purpose and integrated programs and in public schools; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 845, §4, is amended to read:

2. Moral character. Rules adopted by the state board under this chapter shall ~~shall~~ must require that an applicant for certification furnish evidence of:

A. Good moral character; ~~and,~~

~~B. Knowledge of physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcohol, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.~~

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13019-F, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 282, §1, is amended to read:

An individual may be granted a maximum of 2 one-year, ~~nonrenewable~~ conditional administrator ~~certificate~~ certificates in a specific capacity if the individual:

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §13019-F, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 282, §1, is amended to read:

1. Conditional administrator certificate. Will be employed in this State under that one-year ~~nonrenewable~~ conditional administrator certificate;

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law regarding the certification of educational personnel in 3 ways.

1. It authorizes the granting of a certificate or authorization of personnel who provide early childhood education programs or developmental therapy to all children from birth to age 5. Currently, the certificate or authorization is limited to educational personnel who provide programs or developmental therapy to children birth to school age 5 who have disabilities.

2 2. It repeals the requirement for certification that all
4 educational personnel have knowledge of physiology and hygiene
and the effects of alcohol, stimulants and narcotics upon the
human system.

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8 3. It revises the conditional certificate for
administrators to allow the Department of Education to grant a
maximum of 2 one-year conditional administrator certificates.
10 Currently, conditional administrator certificates can be granted
for only one year.