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L.D. 974
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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 734, L.D. 974, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Certification Requirements for Special-purpose School Teachers"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Requiring the Department of Education To Review the Personnel Preparation and Professional Development Opportunities for Special Purpose School Teachers'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Preamble. Whereas, the 123rd Legislature recognizes that teachers in special education or regional alternative education programs need to meet certification requirements; and

Whereas, the 122nd Legislature enacted Public Law 2005, chapter 153, amending the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A provisions governing the establishment of tuition rates; and

Whereas, the Department of Education rate setting process review panel recommendations have been implemented and are scheduled to be reviewed this year; and

Whereas, the Truancy, Dropout, Alternative Education Advisory Committee Report of January 2006 provides for strategic planning for federal and state mandates; and

Whereas, personnel preparation opportunities are limited for educators serving special education students in programs that include alternative strategies; and

Whereas, this legislation requires a review of the impact of rate setting on special education programs and staffing; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Review of programs and standards; special purpose programs. Resolved: That the Department of Education, collaborating with the State Board of

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 734, L.D. 974

1 Education; the Children's Cabinet; the Maine Advisory Council on the Education of
2 Children with Disabilities; the Truancy, Dropout, Alternative Education Advisory
3 Committee; representatives of private, special education facilities; representatives of
4 private, general-purpose agencies; and representatives of students, shall review evidence-
5 based programs and standards designed to promote opportunities for students with special
6 needs. The review must include analyses of:

7 1. The impact of rate setting on programs and staffing, quality assurance activities,
8 including but not limited to special education facilities, and alternative programs that
9 include a self-assessment process and visits for review and assistance; and

10 2. The personnel development opportunities that are coordinated with the University
11 of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and private institutions of
12 higher education to determine the adequacy, availability and appropriateness of programs
13 preparing personnel to work in special purpose special education facilities and alternative
14 education programs; and be it further

15 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by October 1, 2007, the Department of
16 Education shall submit a report, including the findings of the review conducted under
17 section 1 and recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education
18 and Cultural Affairs for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd
19 Legislature.'

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve to direct the
22 Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Board of Education and other
23 stakeholders, to review issues related to the personnel preparation and professional
24 development opportunities for teachers in regional special education or regional
25 alternative education programs or schools as part of a review of programs available to
26 promote educational opportunities for students with special needs. The amendment
27 requires the Department of Education to submit a report, including findings and
28 recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural
29 Affairs by October 1, 2007.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
31 (See attached)



Approved: 04/07/07 *mac*

123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 974

LR 2097(02)

An Act To Amend the Certification Requirements for Special-purpose School Teachers

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 and the State Board of Education to conduct the required review and prepare the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to participate in the review can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.