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H.P. 734

House of Representatives, March 2, 2007

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

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.  
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and  
Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, LANSLEY of Sabattus, MOORE of  
Standish, RECTOR of Thomaston, RICHARDSON of Carmel, Senators: COURTNEY of  
York, NASS of York, TURNER of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Teachers in special education or regional alternative educational**  
4 **programs.** The state board shall by rule allow a teacher in a regional special education  
5 or regional alternative educational program or school approved by the commissioner in  
6 accordance with section 2501 or section 7253 to meet certification requirements by  
7 substituting demonstrated life experience or work experience for course work or other  
8 applicable education requirements. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine  
9 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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### SUMMARY

11 This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules allowing a teacher in a  
12 regional special education or regional alternative educational program or school to meet  
13 certification requirements by substituting demonstrated life experience or work  
14 experience for course work or other applicable education requirements.