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An Act To Amend Teacher Confidentiality Laws

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BOWMAN of York. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13004, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 470, §11 and
3 amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected by §80, is further amended to read:

4 **2-A. Complaints confidential.** Complaints, charges or accusations made and
5 investigated pursuant to section 13001, replies to those complaints, charges or
6 accusations, and any other information or materials that may result in action to deny,
7 revoke or suspend certification ~~shall be~~ are confidential. Any charges or information filed
8 by the commissioner with the District Court in support of a petition to revoke or suspend
9 certification and any decision of the court ~~shall be~~ are public records. The department
10 shall report all denials, revocations, suspensions, surrenders and reinstatements of
11 certification that are not under appeal or still subject to appeal to a national association of
12 state directors of teacher education and certification within 30 days of the action. In
13 reports to the national association of state directors of teacher education and certification,
14 the department may not disclose any information designated in this subsection as
15 confidential.

16 SUMMARY

17 This bill requires that the Department of Education report all denials, revocations,
18 suspensions, surrenders and reinstatements of certification that are not under appeal or
19 still subject to appeal to a national association of state directors of teacher education and
20 certification.