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L.D. 129
(Filing No. H-68)

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 111, L.D. 129, Bill, "An Act To Eliminate Dual Certification Requirements for Speech-language Pathologists"

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 845, §4, is amended to read:

A. Certify teachers and other professional personnel for service in a public school or in an approved private school, except that certification is not required for a person holding a valid license as a speech-language pathologist under Title 32, section 17301 who has received approval pursuant to section 13024 to provide speech-language pathology services in a public school or approved private school;

Sec. 2. State Board of Education to revise rules. The State Board of Education shall revise rules adopted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13011 to be consistent with that section of this Act that amends Title 20-A, section 13011, subsection 1, paragraph A, to provide that certification is not required for a licensed speech-language pathologist who has been approved by the Department of Education to provide speech-language pathology services in a public school or approved private school pursuant to section 13024. Revisions to Rule 05-071, Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization, and Approval of Education Personnel and any other rule revisions necessary to implement this Act are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must be in effect no later than December 1, 2011.'

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that a person holding a valid license as a speech-language pathologist by the Board of Speech-language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dealing and Fitting is not required to receive certification from the Department of Education in order to provide speech-language pathology services in a public school or an approved private school. The amendment removes the provision of the bill that amended

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1 the exception to licensure for individuals holding a valid certificate from the Department
2 of Education. It also directs the State Board of Education to revise its rules regarding the
3 approval process of education personnel to include speech-language pathologists that
4 provide speech-language pathology services in a public school or approved private school
5 and designates these rules as routine technical rules.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

7 (See attached)



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An Act To Eliminate Dual Certification Requirements for Speech-language Pathologists

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the State Board of Education associated with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.