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House of Representatives, March 24, 2011

An Act To Facilitate the Certification of Teachers

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Lincolnville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13012, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 534, §2 and
3 amended by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. D, §3, is amended to read:

4 **2-A. Qualifications.** State board rules governing the qualifications for a provisional
5 teacher certificate must require that a certificate may only be issued to an applicant who
6 meets the requirements of subsection 2-B and:

7 A. For elementary school, has met academic and preprofessional requirements
8 established by the state board for teaching at the elementary school level and has
9 graduated from an accredited, degree-granting educational institution upon
10 completion of:

- 11 (1) A bachelor's degree from a 4-year accredited college or university;
- 12 (2) A 4-year program in liberal arts and sciences; or
- 13 (3) An approved 4-year teacher preparation program and has majored in the
14 subject area to be taught or an interdisciplinary program in liberal arts;

15 B. For secondary school, has met academic and preprofessional requirements
16 established by the state board for teaching at the secondary school level and has
17 graduated from an accredited, degree-granting educational institution upon
18 completion of:

- 19 (1) A bachelor's degree from a 4-year accredited college or university;
- 20 (2) A 4-year program in liberal arts and sciences; or
- 21 (3) An approved 4-year teacher preparation program and has majored in the
22 subject area to be taught;

23 C. Is otherwise qualified by having met separate educational criteria for specialized
24 teaching areas, including, but not limited to, special education, home economics,
25 agriculture, career and technical education, art, music, business education, physical
26 education and industrial arts, as established by the state board for teaching in these
27 specialized areas; or

28 D. Has completed 6 credit hours of approved study within 5 years prior to
29 application, has met entry-level standards and has held either a professional teacher
30 certificate that expired more than 5 years prior to the application date or a provisional
31 teacher certificate issued prior to July 1, 1988 that expired more than 5 years prior to
32 the application date.

33 In accordance with rules adopted by the state board, semester hours of academic study
34 that are required for certification pursuant to this subsection may be earned at a 2-year
35 accredited college or institution of higher learning.

36 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13039** is enacted to read:

