

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 137

House of Representatives, January 24, 2017

### **An Act To Improve Teacher Preparation Programs**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Representative: McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 The purpose of this bill is to attract and retain new teachers in the State. This bill  
6 proposes to create incentives to attract students to teacher education programs in colleges  
7 and universities in the State and to retain those students to teach in schools in the State  
8 after graduation. The bill also proposes to identify components of effective teacher  
9 preparation programs in colleges and universities, including, but not limited to, educating  
10 teachers to use technology in the classroom in new ways. To encourage new teachers to  
11 stay in the State, the bill also proposes to establish a tuition reduction and loan repayment  
12 program for new teachers who teach in the State for 5 years after graduation.