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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 271, L.D. 345, Bill, "An Act To Help New Teachers Succeed"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §13201 in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the first 4 lines (page 1, lines 32 to 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "of 3 years, or if a probationary teacher has not received a summative effectiveness rating indicating ineffectiveness pursuant to chapter 508 during the first or 2nd year of the probationary teacher's contract after a probationary period of 2 years"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §13201 in subsection 2 in paragraph C in the first line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "of 2 or 3 years, in accordance with paragraph A"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §13201 in subsection 2 by inserting at the end the following:

'For purposes of this subsection, "probationary period" means a period of 3 years, except that for any teacher hired for the 2020-2021 school year or any subsequent year, "probationary period" means a period not to exceed 2 years.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 to 5.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires that, beginning with teachers hired for the 2020-2021 school year, the probationary period may not exceed 2 years. This amendment removes the sections of the bill that enacted special procedures for probationary teachers.

The bill as amended includes a restructuring of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13201 to bring the section into conformity with current drafting standards. The only substantive changes to section 13201 are to require the superintendent to evaluate probationary teachers during, without limitation, each year of their employment

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