

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 493

House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

### **An Act To Allow Local Flexibility in Teacher Assignment To Enhance Student Achievement**

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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 STEARNS of Guilford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, COREY of Windham,  
FARNSWORTH of Portland, FOSTER of Dexter, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, KRYZAK of  
Acton, MILLETT of Waterford, SWALLOW of Houlton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13013, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 235, §12 and  
3 affected by §41, is further amended to read:

4 **3. Endorsements.** A professional teacher certificate must be issued with an  
5 endorsement that specifies the grades and subject area that the teacher is deemed  
6 qualified to teach. A holder of a professional teacher certificate may not teach more than  
7 20% of that teacher's teaching assignment outside the ~~certificate holder's~~ teacher's area of  
8 endorsement unless the ~~certificate holder~~ teacher has received a waiver from the  
9 commissioner in accordance with state board rules. A superintendent shall notify in  
10 writing the commissioner within 30 days after a teacher is assigned to teach outside the  
11 teacher's area of endorsement. The notification must include the percentage of time the  
12 teacher is assigned to teach outside the teacher's area of endorsement, the reason behind  
13 the assignment and a brief description of the teacher's abilities in the area outside the  
14 teacher's endorsement.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows a holder of a professional teacher certificate to teach no more than  
17 20% of the teacher's teaching assignment outside the teacher's area of endorsement. It  
18 also requires a superintendent to notify and provide certain details to the Commissioner  
19 of Education when a teacher is assigned to teach outside the teacher's area of  
20 endorsement.