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S.P. 311

In Senate, February 16, 2023

**An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to
Be Recertified**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13013, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Reissuance; retired teacher.** The commissioner may issue a professional teacher
4 certificate to a person who is receiving a retirement benefit from the State Employee and
5 Teacher Retirement Program established under Title 5, section 17602 and who was
6 employed for at least 10 years by a public school, who has been receiving a retirement
7 benefit for no more than 10 years and who, immediately prior to receiving that benefit,
8 possessed an active professional teacher certificate that has subsequently lapsed. The
9 professional teacher certificate must be issued with the same grades and subject areas
10 endorsements as were issued with the active professional teacher certificate that was held
11 by the teacher at the time of the teacher's retirement. A professional teacher certificate
12 issued under this subsection is for the same period as specified in subsection 4 and subject
13 to the same renewal standards as specified in subsection 5. State board rules may further
14 govern qualifications for a professional teacher certificate issued under this subsection.

15 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13019-H, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

16 **5. Reissuance; retired educational technician.** The commissioner may issue an
17 educational technician certificate to a person who is receiving a retirement benefit from the
18 State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program established under Title 5, section 17602
19 and who, immediately prior to receiving that benefit, possessed an active educational
20 technician certificate that has subsequently lapsed. An educational technician certificate
21 issued under this subsection is for the same period and subject to the same renewal
22 standards as specified in subsection 3. State board rules may further govern qualifications
23 for an educational technician certificate issued under this subsection.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows a professional teacher certificate or educational technician certificate
26 to be reissued to a teacher or technician who has retired and whose certificate has lapsed.