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satellites or applied technology regions, under chapter 313, may charge a tuition rate not to exceed 2/3 or of the maximum tuition rate as computed under sections 5805 or 5806.

**Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §6209, first** ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 649, §1, is amended to read:

The department in consultation with the state board shall establish and implement a comprehensive, statewide system of learning results, referred to in this section as the "system," no later than the 2002-03 school year. The system, based broadly upon guiding principles set forth in this section, must establish high academic standards at all grade levels in the areas of math; English; science and technology; social studies, including history, economics and civics; career preparation; visual and performing arts; health and physical education; and foreign languages. Only students in a public school or a private school approved by the State pursuant to section 2902 2901 and approved for the receipt of public funds by private secondary schools pursuant to section 2951 are required to participate in the system of learning results. The commissioner shall develop accommodation provisions for instances where course content conflicts with sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of a student's parent or guardian. The system shall must be adopted to accommodate exceptional students as defined in section 7001, subsection 2.

- **Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA \$13013, sub-\$2-A, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 266, §17, is further amended to read:
  - B. Is a teacher with 5 or more years of experience teaching within the 7 years prior to application in the State under a valid certificate in another state and who has graduated from a state-approved preparation program that utilizes the standards of a national association of state directors of teacher education and certification or a national council for accreditation of teacher education or a national board certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or its successor organization, or, with the exception of the national teachers exam, meets entry-level standards for the endorsement;

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#### **CHAPTER 76**

H.P. 514 - L.D. 721

An Act to Amend the Radon Registration Act

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

- **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §772, sub-§2,** ¶C, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 657, §1, is amended to read:
  - C. Has been determined to be acceptable by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Radon Measurement Proficiency Program conducted under 15 United States Code, Section 2661, et. seq or other means of proving proficiency as determined by the department.
- **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §772, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 657, §1, is amended to read:
- **4.** Listed facility. "Listed facility" means a radon testing facility that is designated as a primary company by the Radon Measurement Proficiency Program of the United States Environmental Protection Agency under 15 United States Code, Section 2661, et. seq providing radon analysis services and that has proven its proficiency to the department.

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#### CHAPTER 77

H.P. 802 - L.D. 1125

An Act to Modify the State's Safe Drinking Water Laws

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2615-A is enacted to read:

#### §2615-A. Consumer confidence reports

- 1. Annual reports to customers. The commissioner shall require each community water system, as defined in section 2660-B, subsection 2, to prepare and provide to each customer of the system at least once annually a consumer confidence report, which must include, but is not limited to, the source of drinking water and potential contamination sources, the level of detected regulated contaminants and detected unregulated contaminants for which monitoring is required by the primacy agency, the health risks associated with detected contaminants, the status and notice of public input in the renewal of variances or exemptions, the nature of applicable compliance violations, including remedial action, and access to additional information from the community water system and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline.
- 2. Reports to State. Each community water system shall mail to the department a copy of the consumer confidence report and a signed certification that the report is accurate and was delivered to each customer of the system.