

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 311 - L.D. 753

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

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

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

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

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

5. Reissuance; retired educational technician. The commissioner may issue an educational technician certificate to a person who has been receiving a retirement benefit from the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program established under Title 5, section 17602 for no more than 5 years and who, immediately prior to receiving that benefit, possessed an active educational technician certificate in good standing that has subsequently lapsed. An educational technician certificate issued under this subsection is for the same period and subject to the same renewal standards as specified in subsection 3. State board rules may further govern qualifications for an educational technician certificate issued under this subsection.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for software updates necessary to allow a professional teacher certificate or educational technician certificate to be reissued to a teacher or educational technician who has retired and whose certificate has lapsed.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>