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Amend the amendment by inserting after section 8 the following:

‘**Sec. 9. 20-A MRSA §15681, sub-§2-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 635, §7, is amended to read:

2-A. Targeted funds to implement a standards-based system. For targeted funds to implement a standards-based system, the commissioner shall:

A. For fiscal year 2006-07 only, dedicate a portion of the targeted funds to implement a standards-based system to the achievement of the minimum starting salary for certified teachers established in section 13405; ~~and~~

B. For fiscal year 2007-08 and every subsequent year, calculate an amount to be made available to address the components of a standards-based system; ~~and~~

C. For fiscal year 2012-13 and every subsequent year, dedicate a portion of the targeted funds to implement a standards-based system to provide one additional day of professional development for teachers in each school administrative unit to achieve the transition to a standards-based educational system established in section 253, subsection 9.

Sec. 10. 20-A MRSA §15689-C, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Professional development. Beginning with fiscal year 2012-13, the commissioner's recommendations must include funding to provide one additional day of professional development for teachers in school administrative units that submit a plan to use targeted funds as provided in section 15681, subsection 2-A, paragraph C.’

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

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that the Commissioner of Education must dedicate a portion of targeted funds each year to provide one additional day of professional development for teachers to achieve the transition to a standards-based educational system. The amendment also requires the commissioner to recommend funding to cover the cost of the additional day as part of the commissioner's annual recommendations on education funding.