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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Permit School Administrators To Complete 15 Hours of Academic Instruction or Involvement To Be Recertified'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §13019-A, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 287, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Certificate renewal.** A superintendent's certificate is limited to 5 years in duration and may be renewed based on further approved study or demonstrated professional growth and improvement through an approved administrator action plan in accordance with state board rules. Beginning July 1, 2017, the qualifications for renewal of a superintendent's certificate may include the completion of at least 15 hours of academic instruction or involvement.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §13019-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 287, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Certificate renewal.** A principal's certificate is limited to 5 years in duration and may be renewed based on further approved study or demonstrated professional growth and improvement through an approved administrator action plan in accordance with state board rules. Beginning July 1, 2017, the qualifications for renewal of a principal's certificate may include the completion of at least 15 hours of academic instruction or involvement.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRS §13019-C, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. B, §18, is amended to read:

**2. Certificate renewal.** A certificate issued under this section is limited to 5 years in duration and may be renewed based on further graduate study or demonstrated professional growth and improvement through an approved administrator action plan in accordance with state board rules. Beginning July 1, 2017, the qualifications for renewal of a director of career and technical education's certificate may include the completion of at least 15 hours of academic instruction or involvement.

**Sec. 4. Renewal of school administrator certificates; rules.** The Department of Education and the State Board of Education shall provisionally adopt rules related to the renewal of administrator certificates required by this Act no later than December 31, 2016.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment provides that, beginning July 1, 2017, the statutory provisions related to the renewal of certificates for school administrators are amended to permit the completion of at least 15 hours of academic instruction or involvement as a qualification for renewal of the administrator's certificate. The bill proposes to require 50 hours of direct student instruction for renewal of an administrator's certificate.

Like the bill, the amendment directs the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to provisionally adopt rules related to the renewal of certificates for school administrators no later than December 31, 2016.