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An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Family Medical Leave

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: COREY of Windham, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DRINKWATER of
Milford, KORNFELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield,
SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §13011-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§13011-A. Certification extension for family medical leave**

4 Notwithstanding the term of a conditional, provisional or professional certificate
5 under this chapter, upon the request of a school administrative unit, the commissioner
6 shall grant an extension on an individual's conditional, provisional or professional
7 certificate if the individual uses family medical leave during the final year of the
8 individual's certificate and the school administrative unit provides the commissioner with
9 sufficient proof of the use of family medical leave. An extension under this section is for
10 the same number of days as the family medical leave used during the final year of the
11 individual's certificate. For the purposes of this section, "family medical leave" has the
12 same meaning as in Title 26, section 843, subsection 4.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that, upon the request of a school administrative unit, the
15 Commissioner of Education must grant an extension on a teacher's conditional,
16 provisional or professional certificate if the teacher uses family medical leave within the
17 teacher's final year of certification and the school administrative unit provides sufficient
18 proof of the use of family medical leave. The extension is for the same number of days
19 as the family medical leave used during the final year of the teacher's certificate.