



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 156

In Senate, January 30, 2023

### **An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland and  
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MURPHY of Scarborough,  
SARGENT of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
3 allocations are made.

4 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for 5 Education Specialist III positions and related All  
7 Other costs in order to increase response times for educator certification and to provide  
8 oversight of the certification process effective October 1, 2023.

9	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
10	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
11	Personal Services	\$373,969	\$516,780
12	All Other	\$47,050	\$44,300
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14	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$421,019</u>	<u>\$561,080</u>

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill establishes 5 Education Specialist III positions within the Department of  
17 Education in order to increase response times for educator certification and to provide  
18 oversight of the certification process effective October 1, 2023.