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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 63, L.D. 98, “An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program”

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12501-A, sub-§12-A** is enacted to read:

**12-A. School counselor.** "School counselor" means a person who is employed as a school counselor in a school setting and who:

A. Is certified as a school counselor by the department; or

B. Possesses a minimum of a master's degree in an approved program in guidance and counseling.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §12502 in the 2nd indented paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "works in a school" and inserting the following: 'is employed in a certified instructional or student support role, specifically as a teacher, school counselor or licensed speech pathologist, in a school'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds a definition for "school counselor." The amendment also clarifies that the recipient of a loan repayment award must be employed in a certified instructional or student support role, specifically as a teacher, school counselor or licensed speech pathologist, in a school in an underserved geographic area.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**