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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 946, L.D. 1491, “An Act to Support Rural Education”

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

**'An Act to Establish a Teacher Shortage Coordinator'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §253, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Teacher shortage coordinator.** The commissioner shall appoint, subject to the Civil Service Law, a teacher shortage coordinator to increase the recruitment of teachers in teacher shortage areas as designated by the department in accordance with reporting requirements from the United States Department of Education, support and improve access to teacher preparation programs for persons willing to teach in teacher shortage areas and otherwise support educational needs in teacher shortage areas. The coordinator shall work with institutions of higher education to support the purposes of this subsection. By January 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, the coordinator shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters summarizing the coordinator's activities.

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

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one State Education Representative position and related All Other costs to serve as a teacher shortage coordinator to increase the recruitment of teachers in teacher shortage areas, support and improve access to teacher preparation programs for persons willing to teach in teacher shortage areas and otherwise support education in teacher shortage areas.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$77,998	\$109,889
All Other	\$7,058	\$9,410
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,056</b>	<b>\$119,299</b>

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

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**SUMMARY**

11 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and  
12 changes the title and establishes a teacher shortage coordinator within the Department of  
13 Education.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**