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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1329, L.D. 1858, Bill, "An Act To Protect Teachers from Professional Teacher Certificate Endorsement Changes"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13006-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 235, §5 and affected by §41, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Application of rules revising credential qualifications or endorsements. An amendment to the rules adopted to implement this chapter or chapter 502 that revises the qualifications for a credential or the grades or subject area endorsements for a professional teacher certificate does not apply to the following:

A. A person who held an active credential or endorsement during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules;

B. A person who held an active conditional certificate during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules;

C. A program completer who qualified for a recommendation for certification as a teacher during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules;

D. A person enrolled in an educator preparation program during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules; or

E. A person who began the application process for professional teacher certification with the department during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 5 in the last line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "professional teacher certificate originally issued to that teacher" and inserting the following: 'active professional teacher certificate that is held by the teacher at the time of the amendment'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment provides that an amendment to the teacher certification rules that revises the qualifications for a credential or the grades or subject area endorsements for a professional teacher certificate does not apply to:

1. A person who held an active credential or endorsement during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules;

2. A person who held an active conditional certificate during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules;

3. A person who has completed an educator preparation program and who has qualified for a recommendation for certification as a teacher during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules;

4. A person enrolled in an educator preparation program during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules; or

5. A person who began the application process for professional teacher certification with the Department of Education during the school year preceding the adoption of revisions to the rules.

The amendment also amends the bill to clarify that if a rule amends the endorsement specifications for grades or subject areas for a teacher's professional teacher certificate, the teacher may renew the teacher's professional teacher certificate with the same grades and subject areas endorsements as were issued with the active professional teacher certificate that is held by the teacher at the time of the amendment.