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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 300, L.D. 461, Bill, “An Act To Change the Notification Deadline for the Nonrenewal of a Teacher's Contract”

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

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13201, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 420, Pt. F, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

After a probationary period of 3 years, subsequent contracts of duly certified teachers must be for not less than 2 years. Unless a duly certified teacher receives written notice to the contrary at least 6 months before the terminal date of the contract, the contract must be extended automatically for one year and similarly in subsequent years, except for duly certified teachers who received a summative effectiveness rating indicating ineffectiveness pursuant to chapter 508 for the preceding school year. The right to an extension for a longer period of time through a new contract is specifically reserved to the contracting parties. Unless a duly certified teacher who received a summative effectiveness rating indicating ineffectiveness pursuant to chapter 508 for the preceding school year receives written notice to the contrary from the superintendent not later than May 15th, the contract must be extended automatically for one year.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to provide that the deadline for a superintendent to notify a teacher of the superintendent's decision not to renew the teacher's contract is at least 6 months before the terminal date of the contract except for teachers who received a summative effectiveness rating indicating ineffectiveness pursuant to the performance evaluation and professional growth system established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 508 for the preceding school year. The amendment also requires that unless the superintendent provides a written notice to the contrary not later than May 15th to a teacher who received a summative effectiveness rating indicating ineffectiveness pursuant to chapter 508 for the preceding school year, the teacher’s contract must be extended automatically for one year.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**