



Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities

Support of LD 753
An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to be Recertified

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, my name is Gay Anne McDonald and I am the Executive Director for the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC).

On behalf of MADSEC, I am providing testimony in support of LD 753: An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to be Recertified.

MADSEC believes that the passing of this bill would assist school administrative districts with the significant workforce shortage they are currently experiencing, especially in special education.

MADSEC would like to highlight the importance of ensuring that all retired applicants seeking recertification undergo the required criminal background check as for anyone working with students, and perhaps suggest that they re-certify every 5 years, consistent with other teachers and educational technicians to ensure they are up-to-date with best practices.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.

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