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An Act To Amend the Certification Requirements for Special-purpose School Teachers

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Teachers in special education or regional alternative educational programs.

The state board shall by rule allow a teacher in a regional special education or regional alternative educational program or school approved by the commissioner in accordance with section 2501 or section 7253 to meet certification requirements by substituting demonstrated life experience or work experience for course work or other applicable education requirements. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules allowing a teacher in a regional special education or regional alternative educational program or school to meet certification requirements by substituting demonstrated life experience or work experience for course work or other applicable education requirements.