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## **An Act To Amend Teacher Confidentiality Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13004, sub-§2-A,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 470, §11 and amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected by §80, is further amended to read:

**2-A. Complaints confidential.** Complaints, charges or accusations made and investigated pursuant to section 13001, replies to those complaints, charges or accusations, and any other information or materials that may result in action to deny, revoke or suspend certification ~~shall be~~ confidential. Any charges or information filed by the commissioner with the District Court in support of a petition to revoke or suspend certification and any decision of the court ~~shall be~~ public records. The department shall report all denials, revocations, suspensions, surrenders and reinstatements of certification that are not under appeal or still subject to appeal to a national association of state directors of teacher education and certification within 30 days of the action. In reports to the national association of state directors of teacher education and certification, the department may not disclose any information designated in this subsection as confidential.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires that the Department of Education report all denials, revocations, suspensions, surrenders and reinstatements of certification that are not under appeal or still subject to appeal to a national association of state directors of teacher education and certification.