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EXHIBIT: #IX.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: April 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of Recommendation of the Certification and Higher Education Committee to proceed with Rulemaking of Chapter 13, Qualifying Examinations of Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

BACKGROUND: The proposed changes to Chapter 13 stem from the regular revision (regeneration) process employed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Each Praxis exam undergoes regeneration every five years. ETS conducts a multi-state standard setting study designed to assemble two separate groups of current practitioners who work for three days to review the validity and reliability of the test being regenerated. The end result is a recommended cut off score that is deemed appropriate for the just qualified candidate (JQC). Several of the tests required by the Maine Department of Education were recently regenerated, so our current Chapter 13 must be updated to reflect these changes.

Proposed changes in Chapter 13 include new test codes, recommended cut off scores, and language to allow old tests no longer being administered to be used for up to five years after which time only the new tests will be accepted. Another change includes deleting test information for Bilingual Education, which is no longer available as an endorsement in Maine.

*Applicants for a #670 Family and Consumer Science may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0120 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0121 until 8-31-14. As of 9-1-14, all applicants must meet a passing score on test # 0121.

*Applicants for #071 Library/Media Specialist may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0310 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0311 until 8-31-15. As of 9-1-15, all applicants must meet a passing score on test # 0311.

* Applicants for #420 French may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0173 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0174 until 8-31-15. As of 9-1-15, all applicants must meet a passing score on test #0174.

* Applicants for #430 German may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0181 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0183 until 8-31-15. As of 9-1-15, all applicants must meet a passing score on test #0183.

* Applicants for #440 Spanish may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0191 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0195 until 8-31-15. As of 9-1-15, all applicants must meet a passing score on test #0195.

* Applicants for #640 Business Educations may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0100 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0101 until 8-31-15. As of 9-1-15, all applicants must meet a passing score on test #0101.

* Applicants for #282 Teacher Disabled Children (K-8, 7-12) may meet a passing score on either PRAXIS II Test Code 0353 or PRAXIS II Test Code 0354 until 8-31-15. As of 9-1-15, all applicants must meet a passing score on test #0354.

5.6 **Qualifying Scores**

The qualifying score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (code #1011*) for individuals seeking an administrator certificate other than a superintendent or assistant superintendent certificate is ~~468~~ 163.

* Applicants may meet a passing score on either Test Code #1010 (score-168) or Test Code #1011 (score 163) until 8-31-14. As of 9-1-14, all applicants must meet a passing score on test code #1011 (score 163).

TIMELINE:

File with the Secretary of State's Office – April 13, 2010

Posting – April 21, 2010

Public Hearing – May 10, 2010

Deadline for Comments – May 20, 2010

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board of Education's Certification and Higher Education Committee recommends that the State Board of Education initiate rulemaking to allow the proposed amendments listed above to be made to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (APA).