

TIMELINE

Chapter 118

March 14, 2007

March 14, 2007	State Board of Education Approves Initiating APA Process
March 20, 2007	Chapter 118 to be filed with Secretary of State
March 28, 2007	Public notice in newspapers, Informational Letter to superintendents and deans/directors of teacher education programs
April 19, 2007	Public hearing (3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Burton Cross State Office Building, Room 103 (ATM Studio) and: Bangor Public Library ATM Studio, Gorham High School ATM Studio, and Presque Isle High School ATM Studio
April 29, 2007	Comment period closes at 5:00 p.m.
May 1 - 4, 2007	DOE staff review comments received and prepare responses
May 9, 2007	State Board of Education adopts Chapter 118

BASIS STATEMENT

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The Department and the State Board of Education propose to amend the rules governing educator certification support systems. Among the amendments was the inclusion of Maine's Initial Teacher Certification Standards as required performance standards. The proposed amendments include revised definitions and procedures for use by local support systems, which support professional educators in seeking higher certification. The Department of Education and State Board of Education have secured the recommendation for these changes from the Chapter 118 Revisions Stakeholders Committee. This committee was responsible for establishing a standards-based process that will support educators seeking higher certification.

This amended Chapter represents the full redesign and implementation plan for a standards-based system of initial professional certification for educators.