

# SENATE, No. 435

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Limits amount of time vacant teaching position can be filled by substitute teacher.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning vacant teaching positions and supplementing  
2 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. A vacant teaching position shall not be filled in any school  
8 year by one or more individuals holding a substitute credential  
9 issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions  
10 N.J.S.18A:6-38 for a total amount of time exceeding 20 school  
11 days. The commissioner may grant an extension of up to an  
12 additional 20 school days upon written application from the school  
13 district demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately  
14 certified teacher for the vacant position within the original 20-day  
15 time limit.

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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20 STATEMENT

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22 This bill limits the amount of time a vacant teaching position can  
23 be filled by substitute teachers to 20 school days. State Board of  
24 Education regulations currently require that a substitute teacher may  
25 not serve in the same position for more than 20 days during the  
26 school year. However, some districts have adopted the practice of  
27 placing a different substitute teacher in that position every 20 days.  
28 This bill will end that practice and ensure that students are taught  
29 by appropriately certified school teachers.