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SYNOPSIS

Establishes pilot program in DOE to recruit disadvantaged or minority men to teach in certain failing schools under alternate route program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on June 20, 2016, with amendments.



1 AN ACT establishing a teaching pilot program in the Department of
2 Education and supplementing chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Chronically failing school” means any public school that meets
10 the criteria of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2):

11 (1) among all students in that school to whom a State assessment
12 was administered, the ¹sum of the¹ percent of students scoring in the
13 ¹**[partially proficient range] not yet meeting expectations and partially**
14 **meeting expectations categories¹** in both the language arts and
15 mathematics subject areas of the State assessments exceeded 40% in
16 each of the prior two school years; or

17 (2) among all students in that school to whom a State assessment
18 was administered, the ¹sum of the¹ percent of students scoring in the
19 ¹**[partially proficient range] not yet meeting expectations and partially**
20 **meeting expectations categories¹** in either the language arts or
21 mathematics subject areas of the State assessment exceeded 65% in
22 each of the prior two school years.

23 “Minority” means a person who is a member of a racial-ethnic
24 group that has been historically disadvantaged in obtaining access to
25 equal educational opportunities.

26 “Eligible participant” means a male resident of New Jersey who is
27 from a disadvantaged or minority background; is interested in pursuing
28 a career as a teacher in New Jersey; and meets eligibility criteria for
29 enrolling in the alternate route teacher preparation program, including
30 the requirements for obtaining a certificate of eligibility under State
31 Board of Education regulations.

32 b. The Commissioner of Education shall establish a pilot program
33 in which the commissioner will recruit eligible participants and match
34 them to teaching opportunities for which they may apply in chronically
35 failing schools under the alternate route teacher preparation program.
36 The purpose of the pilot program shall be to increase the access of
37 disadvantaged or minority men to teaching opportunities and to
38 provide needed high-quality teachers in chronically failing schools in
39 the State.

40 c. The commissioner shall select for participation in the pilot
41 program six chronically failing schools, including, if possible, two
42 schools in each of the northern, central, and southern regions of the
43 State. To the extent possible, the commissioner shall seek a cross
44 section of schools from urban, suburban, and rural areas.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 20, 2016.

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- 1 d. The commissioner shall establish policies and procedures for
2 the recruitment and selection of eligible participants, and for matching
3 the selected eligible participants to teaching opportunities for which
4 they may apply at the participating schools under the alternate route
5 teacher preparation program.
- 6 e. Two years following the establishment of the pilot program,
7 the commissioner shall submit a report to the Governor, and to the
8 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).
9 The report shall contain information on the implementation of the pilot
10 program and shall include the commissioner's recommendation on the
11 advisability of continuing or expanding the program.
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- 13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.