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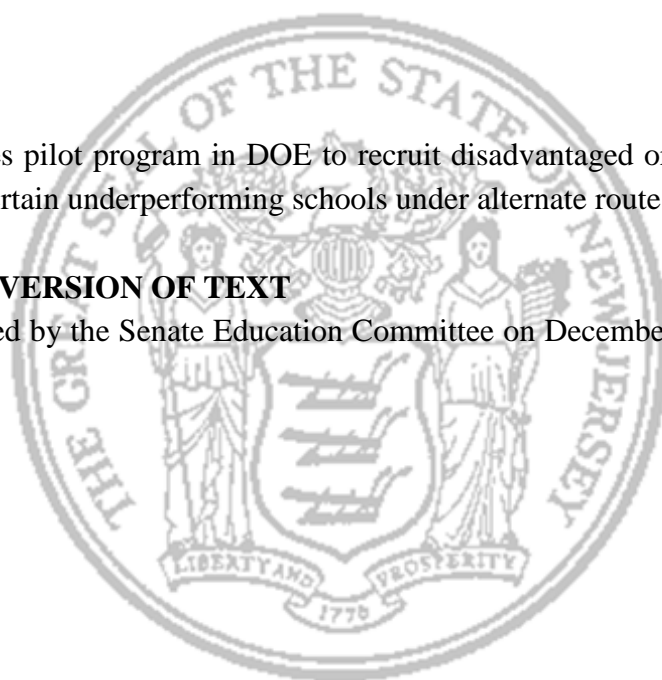
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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on December 6, 2018, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/26/2019)

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 ¹**["Chronically failing"]** "Underperforming"¹ school" means any
10 public school that meets the criteria of paragraph (1) or paragraph
11 (2):

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

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

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

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

33 b. The Commissioner of Education shall establish a pilot
34 program in which the commissioner will recruit eligible participants
35 and match them to teaching opportunities for which they may apply
36 in ¹**["chronically failing"]** underperforming¹ schools under the
37 alternate route teacher preparation program. The purpose of the
38 pilot program shall be to increase the access of disadvantaged or
39 minority men to teaching opportunities and to provide needed high-
40 quality teachers in ¹**["chronically failing"]** underperforming¹ schools
41 in the State.

42 c. The commissioner shall select for participation in the pilot
43 program six ¹**["chronically failing"]** underperforming¹ schools,
44 including, if possible, two schools in each of the northern, central,

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 December 6, 2018.

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