

ASSEMBLY, No. 379

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman T. SMITH

1 AN ACT concerning remedial reading programs for certain inmates and  
2 amending P.L.1979, c.207.

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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. Section 12 of P.L.1979, c.207 (C.18A:7B-8) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 12. There is hereby created and established in the Department of  
10 Corrections an Office of Education to be headed by a Director of  
11 Educational Services who shall supervise the educational programs in  
12 all State facilities operated by that department and shall approve all  
13 personnel to be hired for such programs.

14 The director shall hold the appropriate certificate issued by the  
15 State Board of Examiners and shall be qualified by training and  
16 experience for his position and shall be appointed by the Commissioner  
17 of Corrections. He shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and  
18 shall receive such salary as shall be fixed by the commissioner.

19 The director shall establish primary, secondary, and vocational  
20 programs which meet the educational needs of school age persons for  
21 whom the department is responsible. The department shall also  
22 establish compulsory remedial reading programs for school age  
23 persons who are reading below grade age level. Appropriate credit  
24 and certification shall be given for the successful completion of such  
25 programs.

26 Within any available appropriation, the program of education shall  
27 include adult, post-secondary and college programs offered by  
28 institutions licensed by the Department of Education or the  
29 Commissioner of Higher Education.

30 Communtation time for good behavior or work credits shall be  
31 given for the successful completion of the remedial reading program

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 by those inmates who were deficient in reading skills.

2 (cf: P.L.1994, c.48, s.56)

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill would require the director of the Office of Education in the  
10 Department of Corrections to establish compulsory remedial reading  
11 programs for school age persons who are reading below grade age  
12 level. The bill would also require the department to grant  
13 commutation time for good behavior or work credits for the successful  
14 completion of the program.

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19 Requires the Department of Corrections to establish remedial reading  
20 programs for school age inmates.