

SENATE, No. 1753

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator PALAIA

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. Success shall be determined on an individual basis, using
26 criteria and procedures established by the director. These criteria and
27 procedures shall be based minimally upon an inmate's demonstrated
28 needs, current performance levels, grade expectancy levels and
29 projected length-of-stay and shall be subject to routine review by the
30 State Department of Education.

31 Within any available appropriation, the program of education shall
32 include adult, post-secondary and college programs offered by
33 institutions licensed by the Department of Education or the
34 Commission on Higher Education.

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.

