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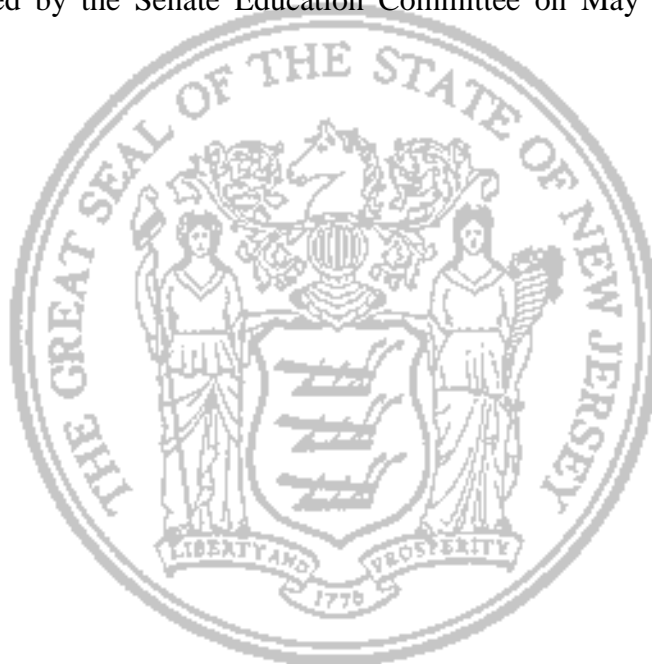
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOE to establish central registry of individuals and organizations interested in providing supplemental tutoring support to students.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on May 13, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/20/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning student learning support and supplementing
2 chapter 36 of 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. The Department of Education shall establish and maintain
8 a central, searchable registry of individuals and organizations
9 interested in offering free tutoring services to students throughout
10 the State. The registry shall contain information provided by each
11 registrant including, but not limited to, the registrant's name,
12 contact information, subject matter expertise, and a tutoring
13 availability schedule. The department shall make the registry
14 publicly available on its Internet website.

15 b. The following individuals and organizations may apply to
16 the department for inclusion on the registry established pursuant to
17 subsection a. of this section:

18 (1) A teacher who holds a New Jersey provisional or standard
19 instructional certificate;

20 (2) A retired New Jersey teacher who was in good standing at
21 the time of retirement;

22 (3) A student enrolled in a two- or four-year institution of higher
23 education in the State;

24 (4) An industry professional with relevant subject matter
25 expertise;

26 (5) An organization with relevant subject matter expertise; and

27 (6) Any other person or organization the department deems
28 appropriate.

29 c. No registrant shall charge or receive any fee for services
30 provided in connection with the central registry established
31 pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

32 d. ¹(1) An individual applying for inclusion on the registry
33 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, other than an individual
34 included in paragraph (1) of subsection b. of this section who has
35 undergone a prior criminal history record check as required by law,
36 shall undergo a criminal history record check pursuant to the
37 provisions of P.L.1986, c.116 (C.18A:6-7.1 et seq.) and shall not be
38 included on the registry established pursuant to subsection a. of this
39 section prior to completion of the criminal history record check.

40 (2) An organization applying for inclusion on the registry shall
41 submit a statement of assurances to the department affirming that an
42 individual providing tutoring services on behalf of, or as a
43 representative of, the organization has undergone a criminal history
44 record check pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this
45 section. An organization that willfully provides false information

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 May 13, 2021.

- 1 under the provisions of this paragraph shall be subject to a fine of
2 not more than \$500.
- 3 (3) The department may reimburse an individual for the cost of
4 the criminal history check required pursuant to the provisions of
5 this subsection.
- 6 e.¹ The department shall include on the registry a disclaimer
7 stating that the information regarding individuals and organizations
8 on the registry has not been independently verified and is not meant
9 to be an endorsement or recommendation by the department as to
10 the quality of the tutoring services offered.
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- 12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.