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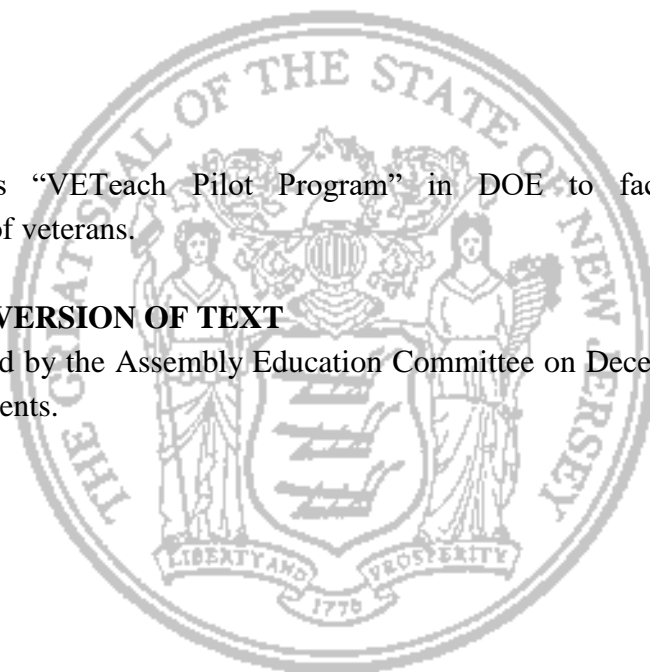
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “VETeach Pilot Program” in DOE to facilitate teacher certification of veterans.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on December 14, 2023, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the “VETeach Pilot Program” in the  
2 Department of Education and supplementing chapter 6 of Title  
3 18A of the New 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. There is established in the Department of Education a  
9 four-year “VETeach Pilot Program.” The purpose of the pilot  
10 program shall be to address the shortage of certified public school  
11 teachers, by taking advantage of the qualified workforce  
12 represented by the State’s veterans. The pilot program shall  
13 facilitate the teacher certification of veterans in order to advance the  
14 State’s goals of ensuring a qualified public school workforce and  
15 addressing the high rate of unemployment among returning  
16 veterans.

17 b. <sup>1</sup>A four-year public institution of higher education wishing to  
18 participate in the pilot program shall submit an application to the  
19 Commissioner of Education in a form prescribed by the  
20 commissioner. The commissioner shall select up to four institutions  
21 to participate in the pilot program.

22 c.<sup>1</sup> Under the pilot program, <sup>1</sup>**[Rowan University]** a  
23 participating four-year public institution of higher education<sup>1</sup> shall  
24 enroll, in a 36-month teacher preparation program, a single cohort  
25 of students who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces and  
26 who served on or after September 11, 2001. The program shall lead  
27 to a baccalaureate degree and completion of the requirements  
28 necessary to apply to the State Board of Examiners for a certificate  
29 of eligibility with advanced standing.

30 <sup>1</sup>**[c. Rowan University]** d. A participating four-year public  
31 institution of higher education<sup>1</sup> shall establish, with the approval of  
32 the State Board of Education, the coherent sequence of courses  
33 required to be completed by a student under the pilot program in  
34 order to be eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility with  
35 advanced standing. A certificate of eligibility with advanced  
36 standing issued to a student who completes the pilot program shall  
37 authorize the student to seek employment as a teacher in grades  
38 kindergarten through eight, and in certain secondary education  
39 fields.

40 <sup>1</sup>**[d.]** e.<sup>1</sup> Upon the conclusion of the pilot program, the  
41 commissioner shall report to the Governor, and to the Legislature  
42 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on the  
43 number of veterans who enrolled in the teacher preparation program  
44 established under the pilot program, the number of veterans who

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted December 14, 2023.

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1 were hired as teachers in public or nonpublic schools, and the  
2 advisability of the establishment of similar programs on a  
3 permanent basis.

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.