

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 227, *approved January 12, 2026*
Assembly, No. 1997 (*First Reprint*)

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 ¹partner with a
8 nonprofit organization to¹ establish and maintain a central,
9 searchable registry of individuals and organizations interested in
10 offering free tutoring services to students throughout the State. The
11 registry shall contain information provided by each registrant
12 including, but not limited to, the registrant’s name, contact
13 information, subject matter expertise, and a tutoring availability
14 schedule. The department shall make the registry publicly available
15 on its Internet website.
16 b. The following individuals and organizations may apply to
17 the ¹**【department】** nonprofit organization¹ for inclusion on the
18 registry established pursuant to subsection a. of this section:
19 (1) A teacher who holds a New Jersey provisional or standard
20 instructional certificate;
21 (2) A retired New Jersey teacher who was in good standing at
22 the time of retirement;
23 (3) A student enrolled in a two- or four-year institution of higher
24 education in the State;
25 (4) An industry professional with relevant subject matter
26 expertise;
27 (5) An organization with relevant subject matter expertise; and
28 (6) Any other person or organization the department deems
29 appropriate.
30 c. ¹**【No】** A¹ registrant shall ¹not¹ charge or receive any fee for
31 services provided in connection with the central registry established
32 pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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 June 5, 2025.

1 d. (1) An individual applying for inclusion on the registry
2 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, except an individual
3 included in paragraph (1) of subsection b. of this section who has
4 undergone a prior criminal history record check as required by law,
5 shall undergo a criminal history record check pursuant to the
6 provisions of P.L.1986, c.116 (C.18A:6-7.1 et seq.) and shall not be
7 included on the registry established pursuant to subsection a. of this
8 section prior to completion of the criminal history record check.

9 (2) An organization applying for inclusion on the registry shall
10 submit a statement of assurances to the ~~'[department]~~ nonprofit
11 organization¹ affirming that an individual providing tutoring
12 services on behalf of, or as a representative of, the organization has
13 undergone a criminal history record check pursuant to the
14 provisions of paragraph (1) of this ~~'[section]~~ subsection¹. ~~'[An~~
15 ~~organization that willfully provides false information under the~~
16 ~~provisions of this paragraph shall be fined not more than \$500.]~~¹

17 (3) The department may reimburse an individual for the cost of
18 the criminal history check required pursuant to the provisions of
19 this subsection.

20 e. The ~~'[department shall include on the]~~¹ registry ~~'shall~~
21 include¹ a disclaimer stating that the information regarding
22 individuals and organizations on the registry has not been
23 independently verified and is not meant to be an endorsement or
24 recommendation by the department as to the quality of the tutoring
25 services offered.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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32 Requires DOE to partner with nonprofit organization to establish
33 central registry of individuals and organizations interested in
34 providing supplemental tutoring support to students.