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SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Education to establish and maintain educator common application and web portal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



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1 AN ACT concerning employment opportunities in public schools
2 and supplementing chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. The Commissioner of Education shall establish and
9 maintain an educator common application and web portal. The web
10 portal shall allow candidates who have been issued a certificate
11 necessary to seek employment in a public school, including a
12 substitute teacher credential, to submit a single common application
13 to apply for employment at the public schools of the State.

14 b. The common application and web portal established
15 pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall:

16 (1) maximize the ability of educators to connect with public
17 schools that have employment openings;

18 (2) increase the degree of information sharing regarding
19 employment opportunities for educators; and

20 (3) maintain high standards for data privacy and security.

21 c. The commissioner may contract with a private vendor to
22 effectuate the purposes of this section.

23 d. The commissioner may reconstruct an existing Internet
24 website or web portal operated by the Department of Education to
25 meet the requirements established pursuant to subsection a. of this
26 section.

27 e. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a school
28 district or public school employer from using its own application
29 process or web portal or from requiring additional materials from
30 applicants who apply for employment using the common
31 application and web portal established pursuant to this section.

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33 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the eighth month
34 next following the date of enactment, except that the commissioner
35 may take any anticipatory action necessary to effectuate the
36 purposes of this act.