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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Directs Commissioner of Education to establish “Teacher Retention Program.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the residency of public school employees and
2 supplementing chapter 27 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 Commissioner of Education shall establish a “Teacher
8 Retention Program.” The program shall provide an annual
9 incentive for teachers to continue employment in the public schools
10 of the State.

11 b. The commissioner shall disburse an annual retention grant of
12 equal amount to each teacher employed in a full-time position at a
13 public school at the completion of the school year. Funding for
14 grants shall be provided pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

15 c. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
16 the State Treasurer shall cause any funds appropriated for services
17 and aid to undocumented persons including, but not limited to,
18 health care, public school education, postsecondary education, and
19 legal services to be redirected to the Department of Education to
20 effectuate the provisions of subsection b. of this section.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a
28 “Teacher Retention Program.” The program is to provide an annual
29 incentive for teachers to continue employment in the public schools
30 of the State. The bill requires the commissioner to disburse an
31 annual retention grant of equal amount to each teacher employed in
32 a full-time position in a public school at the completion of the
33 school year. Under the bill, the State Treasurer is to redirect any
34 funds appropriated for services and aid to undocumented persons,
35 including but not limited to, health care, public school education,
36 postsecondary education, and legal services to the Department of
37 Education for the Teacher Retention Program.