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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a teacher preparation program to strengthen the educational opportunities available to children in low-income areas

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new article 62 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 62

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

SECTION 3040. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.
3041. ESTABLISHMENT OF TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM.
3042. POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER.
3043. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.

S 3040. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE IS TO STRENGTHEN THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN IN AREAS HAVING CONCENTRATIONS OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND TO ENCOURAGE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO BROADEN THEIR PROGRAMS OF TEACHER PREPARATION AND TO ENCOURAGE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES TO IMPROVE PROGRAMS OF TRAINING AND RETRAINING FOR TEACHERS, TEACHER AIDES, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL BY:

(A) ATTRACTING AND TRAINING QUALIFIED TEACHERS WHO WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES FOR TEACHING IN SUCH AREAS;

(B) ATTRACTING AND TRAINING INEXPERIENCED TEACHER-INTERNS WHO WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TEACHING AND INSERVICE TRAINING TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES IN SUCH AREAS IN TEAMS LED BY AN EXPERIENCED TEACHER;

(C) ATTRACTING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS PART-TIME TUTORS OR FULL-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS IN PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT BY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SERVING SUCH AREAS;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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(D) ATTRACTING AND TRAINING EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE RELEVANT REMEDIAL, BASIC, AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL TRAINING, INCLUDING LITERACY AND COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS, FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENTS, YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, AND ADULT CRIMINAL OFFENDERS; AND

(E) SUPPORTING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR RETRAINING EXPERIENCED TEACHERS, TEACHER AIDES, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL SERVING IN LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.

S 3041. ESTABLISHMENT OF TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT A TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN IN LOW-INCOME AREAS. THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

S 3042. POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO:

(A) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES UNDER WHICH THEY WILL RECRUIT, SELECT, AND ENROLL IN THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR PERIODS OF UP TO FIVE YEARS, EXPERIENCED TEACHERS, TEACHER AIDES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL, PERSONS WHO HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AND PERSONS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF A PROGRAM FOR WHICH CREDIT IS GIVEN TOWARD A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, AND, FOR SUCH PERIODS AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY PRESCRIBE BY REGULATION, PERSONS WHO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS PART-TIME TUTORS OR FULL-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS;

(B) ENTER INTO ARRANGEMENTS, THROUGH GRANTS OR CONTRACTS, WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM WITH SUCH TRAINING AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING NOT MORE THAN THREE MONTHS OF TRAINING FOR MEMBERS BEFORE THEY UNDERTAKE THEIR TEACHING DUTIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE;

(C) ENTER INTO ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES TO FURNISH TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES, FOR SERVICE DURING REGULAR OR SUMMER SESSIONS, OR BOTH, IN THE SCHOOLS OF SUCH AGENCIES IN AREAS HAVING CONCENTRATIONS OF CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS EACH OF WHICH SHALL INCLUDE TEACHER-INTERN TEAMS LED BY EXPERIENCED TEACHERS, AND MAY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCED TEACHERS, TEACHER AIDES, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL, WHO MAY BE AFFORDED TIME BY THE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY FOR A TRAINING PROGRAM CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

(D) MAKE AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CARRYING OUT ARRANGEMENTS ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SECTION;

(E) PROVIDE PLANNING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MONITORING, DOCUMENTING, DISSEMINATING, AND EVALUATION SERVICES FOR ARRANGEMENTS MADE UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(F) ACQUAINT QUALIFIED PERSONS OF TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS IN DISADVANTAGED AREAS AND ENCOURAGE QUALIFIED PERSONS TO APPLY TO APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM.

S 3043. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS. TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM MEMBERS SHALL BE COMPENSATED AT A RATE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR TEACHING EXPERIENCE, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND THE NATURE OF THEIR PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENT. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PAY THE NECESSARY TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM AND THE DEPENDENTS AND NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION

OF THE HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF SUCH MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND SUCH OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THEIR SERVICE IN THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES PROPORTIONATE TO SERVICE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.