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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to recruiting teachers to areas where there is a shortage of teachers

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 section 309-b to read as follows:

S 309-B. RECRUITING TEACHERS TO SERVE HIGH NEEDS AREAS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH AREAS OF THE STATE WHICH SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AS HIGH TEACHER NEEDS AREAS, WHEREIN THERE IS AND HAS BEEN A SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCED TEACHERS.

2. ANY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ELECT TO PROVIDE A BONUS OF UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A TENURED ACTIVE TEACHER OR SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A RETIRED TEACHER IN GOOD STANDING, WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK IN A HIGH NEEDS AREA FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS. SUCH BONUS WOULD BE PAYABLE IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD AT THE END OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, PAYMENT OF SUCH BONUS TO A RETIRED TEACHER SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT DIMINISH THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS WHICH HAVE BEEN EARNED BY SUCH TEACHERS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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