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Introduced by M. of A. SIMANOWITZ -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a mentor  
program to assist new teachers

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

- 1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 309-b  
2 to read as follows:  
3 S 309-B. TEACHER'S MENTOR PROGRAM. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH  
4 A MENTOR PROGRAM WHEREBY A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY EMPLOY A RETIRED TEACHER  
5 TO WORK IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN PREPARATION WITH A NEW TEACHER TO  
6 PROVIDE EXPERIENCE AND EXPEDITE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH NEW TEACHER.  
7 2. THE MENTOR TEACHER MAY BE PAID AN AMOUNT TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE  
8 LOCAL BOARD AND NOT DETERMINED BY OR LIMITED TO RESTRICTION OF PREVIOUS  
9 SALARY OR STEP, WHICH PAYMENT SHALL NOT DIMINISH THE PAYMENT OF RETIRE-  
10 MENT BENEFITS TO SUCH MENTOR TEACHER, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER  
11 PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY.  
12 3. TIME SPENT AS A MENTOR TEACHER MAY NOT BE INCLUDED AS CREDITABLE  
13 SERVICE TOWARD RETIREMENT OR TO INCREASE ANY RETIREMENT BENEFIT.  
14 4. NO PERSON MAY HOLD TENURE AS A MENTOR TEACHER OR BECOME ENTITLED TO  
15 TENURE AS A MENTOR TEACHER.  
16 5. ANY SCHOOL BOARD MAY FOLLOW THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMIS-  
17 SIONER PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, BUT SHALL NOT BE  
18 COMPELLED TO HAVE SUCH A PROGRAM.  
19 6. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS  
20 TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM, AS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, IMME-  
21 DIATELY UPON THIS SECTION BECOMING A LAW.  
22 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next  
23 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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