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tion

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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