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A. CROUCH, LOPEZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Educa-
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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