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Introduced by M. of A. SIMANOWITZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CROUCH, LOPEZ -- 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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 309-b to read as follows:

§ 309-b. Teacher's mentor program. 1. The commissioner shall establish a mentor program whereby a school district may employ a retired teacher to work in the classroom and in preparation with a new teacher to provide experience and expedite development of such new teacher.

2. The mentor teacher may be paid an amount to be negotiated by the local board and not determined by or limited to restriction of previous salary or step, which payment shall not diminish the payment of retirement benefits to such mentor teacher, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary.

3. Time spent as a mentor teacher may not be included as creditable service toward retirement or to increase any retirement benefit.

4. No person may hold tenure as a mentor teacher or become entitled to tenure as a mentor teacher.

5. Any school board may follow the program established by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision one of this section, but shall not be compelled to have such a program.

6. The commissioner shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations to carry out the program, as established pursuant to this section, immediately upon this section becoming a law.

§ 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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