STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 7, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a continuing education fund for educators

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 3611-a to read as follows:

§ 3611-a. Continuing education fund for educators. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund to be known as the continuing education fund for educators.

2. The commissioner shall set aside an amount of fifty million dollars on an annual basis for grants awarded pursuant to this section. Moneys shall be paid out of the fund on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner.

3. A school district may nominate a public school teacher to pursue additional certifications or degrees, the cost of which would be covered by the funds pursuant to this section. Nominees shall be evaluated on a competitive basis and such grants shall be awarded accordingly. If such nominee stays in the school district for two to four years, the fund shall cover fifty percent of the cost of any additional certification or degree. If such nominee stays in the school district for more than four years, the fund shall cover one hundred percent of the cost of any additional certification or degree.

4. The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of this section.

5. The commissioner shall issue an annual report to the legislature concerning the overall and individual programs, detailing their impact.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after 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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