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# SENATE, No. 435

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Mercer)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Rice**

**SYNOPSIS**

Limits amount of time vacant teaching position can be filled by substitute teacher.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning vacant teaching positions and supplementing  
2 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. A vacant teaching position shall not be filled in any school  
8 year by one or more individuals holding a substitute credential  
9 issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions  
10 N.J.S.18A:6-38 for a total amount of time exceeding 20 school  
11 days. The commissioner may grant an extension of up to an  
12 additional 20 school days upon written application from the school  
13 district demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately  
14 certified teacher for the vacant position within the original 20-day  
15 time limit.

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STATEMENT

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23 be filled by substitute teachers to 20 school days. State Board of  
24 Education regulations currently require that a substitute teacher may  
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26 school year. However, some districts have adopted the practice of  
27 placing a different substitute teacher in that position every 20 days.  
28 This bill will end that practice and ensure that students are taught  
29 by appropriately certified school teachers.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 435**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 2010

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 435.

This bill limits the amount of time a vacant teaching position can be filled by substitute teachers to 20 school days. State Board of Education regulations currently require that a substitute teacher may not serve in the same position for more than 20 days during the school year. However, some districts have adopted the practice of placing a different substitute teacher in that position every 20 days. This bill will end that practice and ensure that students are taught by appropriately certified school teachers.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 435**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2010

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 435.

This bill provides that a vacant teaching position cannot be filled by one or more individuals holding a substitute credential for a total amount of time exceeding 20 school days in any school year. However, the bill provides that the commissioner may grant an extension of up to an additional 20 school days upon written application from the school district demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher within the original 20-day limit.

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As reported by committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3217, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3217

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman RALPH R. CAPUTO**

**District 28 (Essex)**

**Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER**

**District 28 (Essex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman O'Donnell and Assemblywoman Wagner**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/26/2010)**

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