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(Governor's Teaching Scholars
Loan Program)

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1 AN ACT concerning the Governor's Teaching Scholars Loan
2 Program and amending P.L.1986, c.180.

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

6 1. Section 3 of P.L.1986, c.180 (C.18A:71-81) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 3. a. Loans may be redeemed in full for teaching service in
9 New Jersey public schools, according to the schedule
10 recommended by the steering committee established pursuant to
11 section ~~4~~ of this act and approved by the State Board of
12 Education. Service by a participant in the program as a teacher
13 in a nonpublic school, or in a New Jersey State college or county
14 college may be applied toward loan redemption if, prior to
15 commencing that service, the participant has pursued
16 employment as a teacher in the public schools and has sought the
17 assistance of the Department of Education as provided pursuant
18 to Section 5 of P.L.1986, c.180 (C.18A:71-83). For the purposes
19 of this section, "public schools" shall mean any primary or
20 secondary education program that is supported by public funds
21 and is operated by or under contract with a board of education,
22 an educational services commission established pursuant to
23 section 1 of P.L.1968, c.143 (C.18A:6-51) or a State facility as
24 defined in section 3 of P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-3). "Nonpublic
25 school" shall mean an elementary or secondary school within the
26 State, other than a public school, offering education for grades
27 kindergarten through 12, or any combination of those grades,
28 where any child may legally fulfill compulsory school attendance
29 requirements and which complies with the requirements of Title
30 IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L.88-352). The
31 Commissioner of Education may, at his or her discretion, approve
32 other teaching service by a program participant as credit toward
33 loan redemption, provided that such service is performed within
34 the State and requires the performance of professional duties
35 similar to those of a public school teacher.

36 b. Notwithstanding any laws or regulations to the contrary, the
37 commissioner may, at his or her discretion, extend the deferral
38 period for loan repayment for a program participant who has
39 reasonably attempted but has been unable to obtain employment

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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2 subsection a of this section.

3 c. The State board may designate critical geographic areas of
4 teacher shortage and establish an accelerated schedule of
5 redemption credits for program participants who teach in these
6 designated areas.

7 (cf: P.L.1986, c.180, s.3)

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19 who cannot obtain employment as public school teachers
20 following completion of college. It would allow participants in
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22 schools, State colleges or county colleges toward redemption of
23 the college loans they receive through the program. A program
24 participant would be required to seek the Department of
25 Education's assistance in securing a position as a public school
26 teacher before he or she could earn loan redemption credit as a
27 nonpublic school or college teacher.

28 The bill also would allow the Commissioner of Education to
29 approve other teaching service in the State for loan redemption
30 credit, and to extend the loan repayment deferral period for a
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32 position in which he or she can earn loan redemption credit. The
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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3657

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 1991

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill without committee amendments.

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