

18A:26-2.11

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NJSA: 18A:26-2.11 (Establishes program in DOE to address State's shortage of mathematics and science teachers)

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SPONSOR(S) Jasey and others

DATE INTRODUCED: February 2, 2012

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Education

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

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SENATE: March 15, 2012

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A2311

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: No

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1718

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L.2012, CHAPTER 11, *approved May 9, 2012*
Assembly, No. 2311 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing a program in the Department of Education to
2 address the shortage of teachers in mathematics and science and
3 supplementing chapter 27 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
4 Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
10 a. Economic development focused on twenty-first century
11 skills in areas related to mathematics and the sciences is critically
12 important to the future of the State; and
13 b. Documented shortages of mathematics and science teachers
14 exist in New Jersey and this shortage will negatively impact the
15 State's efforts to provide a workforce well prepared in such fields
16 as engineering, research, and computer technology.

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18 2. a. In accordance with the provisions of subsection b. of this
19 section, the Commissioner of Education shall establish a program to
20 issue subject area endorsements in mathematics ¹**[or]**,¹ in the
21 sciences ¹, or in any subject area in which there is a shortage of
22 teachers in the State as determined by the United States Department
23 of Education,¹ to certificated teaching staff members authorized to
24 work in New Jersey public schools who do not currently have a
25 subject area endorsement in those fields. The purpose of the
26 program shall be to reduce the shortage of teachers in mathematics
27 ¹**[and]**,¹ science ¹, and other identified subject areas¹.

28 b. Under the program, and notwithstanding any provision of
29 law or regulation to the contrary, the State Board of Examiners shall
30 issue a subject area endorsement in mathematics ¹**[or science]**, in
31 the sciences, or in any subject area in which there is a teacher
32 shortage in the State as determined by the United States Department
33 of Education¹, as appropriate, upon successful completion of the
34 program to a teaching staff member who:

35 (1) passes the appropriate State test of subject matter
36 knowledge; and

37 (2) meets such other criteria as the commissioner shall set forth
38 in regulation. The commissioner shall have the authority under the

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 8, 2012.

1 program to establish different criteria for completion of the program
2 based on factors such as the subject area in which the individual
3 intends to teach.

4 ¹c. The program shall be subject to oversight by the
5 commissioner, including routine reviews and the elimination of
6 subject areas for which endorsements are available under the
7 program. The elimination of a subject area shall be based on the
8 classroom performance of the teachers who have received
9 endorsements in the subject area under the program or the fact that
10 the subject area no longer has a shortage of teachers.¹

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12 3. Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1968, c.410
13 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) or any other law to the contrary, the
14 commissioner may adopt, immediately upon filing with the Office
15 of Administrative Law, such rules and regulations as the
16 commissioner deems necessary to implement the provisions of this
17 act which shall be effective for a period not to exceed 12 months
18 following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the
19 Legislature as this bill). The regulations shall thereafter be
20 amended, adopted, or readopted by the commissioner in accordance
21 with the provisions of P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

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23 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 Establishes program in DOE to address State's shortage of
29 mathematics and science teachers.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2311

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY

District 27 (Essex and Morris)

Assemblyman ALBERT COUTINHO

District 29 (Essex)

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblyman RALPH R. CAPUTO

District 28 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes program in DOE to address State's shortage of mathematics and science teachers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/9/2012)

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23 endorsement in those fields. The purpose of the program shall be to
24 reduce the shortage of teachers in mathematics and science.

25 b. Under the program, and notwithstanding any provision of law
26 or regulation to the contrary, the State Board of Examiners shall
27 issue a subject area endorsement in mathematics or science, as
28 appropriate, upon successful completion of the program to a
29 teaching staff member who:

30 (1) passes the appropriate State test of subject matter knowledge;
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23 This bill will establish on a permanent basis a number of the
24 provisions of a pilot program developed in the Department of
25 Education to address the State's shortage of mathematics and
26 science teachers and established pursuant to P.L.2009, c.51. The
27 pilot program will expire in January 2012.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2311

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 8, 2012

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2311 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill directs the Commissioner of Education to establish a program to issue subject area endorsements in mathematics, in the sciences, or in any subject area in which there is a shortage of teachers in the State as determined by the United States Department of Education, to certificated teaching staff members authorized to work in New Jersey public schools who do not currently have a subject area endorsement in those fields. The purpose of the program is to reduce the shortage of teachers in mathematics, the sciences, and other critical subject areas in which there are teacher shortages.

Under the program, the State Board of Examiners will issue a subject area endorsement, as appropriate, upon successful completion of the program to a teaching staff member who:

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(2) meets such other criteria as the commissioner sets forth in regulation. The commissioner has the authority under the program to establish different criteria for completion of the program based on factors such as the subject area in which the individual intends to teach.

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The committee amended the bill to permit teachers in subject areas other than math and the sciences to participate in the program. The other subject areas will be those in which the United States Department of Education has determined a teacher shortage in the State. The committee amendments also provide that the program will be subject to oversight by the commissioner, including routine reviews and the elimination of subject areas for which endorsements are available under the program based on specified criteria.

SENATE, No. 1718

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Sponsored by:

Senator JIM WHELAN

District 2 (Atlantic)

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Turner

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1718

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 2012

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1718 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill directs the Commissioner of Education to establish a program to issue subject area endorsements in mathematics, in the sciences, or in any subject area in which there is a shortage of teachers in the State as determined by the United States Department of Education, to certificated teaching staff members authorized to work in New Jersey public schools who do not currently have a subject area endorsement in those fields. The purpose of the program is to reduce the shortage of teachers in mathematics, the sciences, and other critical subject areas in which there are teacher shortages.

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