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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes grant program for school districts and charter schools to develop dual language immersion programs.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning dual language immersion programs in school  
2 districts and charter schools and supplementing chapter 6 of Title  
3 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. The Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the  
9 State Board of Education, shall establish and administer a dual  
10 language immersion program. The purpose of the program shall be  
11 to award grants to school districts and charter schools to establish  
12 dual language immersion programs in Chinese, Spanish, French, or  
13 any other language approved by the commissioner.

14 b. Grant funds allocated under the program may be used for, but  
15 not limited to, curriculum development, materials and supplies,  
16 staff training, and program evaluation.

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18 2. A school district or charter school may be eligible to receive  
19 a grant if:

20 a. The school district or charter school uses an instructional  
21 model that provides at least 50 percent of its instruction in English  
22 and 50 percent of its instruction in a language described in  
23 subsection a. of section 1 of this act;

24 b. The dual language immersion program begins in kindergarten  
25 or in grade one and meets any other requirements established by the  
26 commissioner.

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28 3. Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the  
29 commissioner shall forward to school districts and charter schools a  
30 request for proposals for the establishment of a dual language  
31 immersion program.

32 A school district or charter school which wants to apply to  
33 participate in the grant program shall submit a proposal to the  
34 commissioner in such form as prescribed by the commissioner. The  
35 proposal shall include: a general description of the dual language  
36 immersion program; the number of potential participants; the  
37 program's potential impact on increasing biliteracy among students  
38 in the school district or charter school; and any other information  
39 that may be required by the commissioner.

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41 4. The commissioner shall select grant recipients based upon  
42 the quality of the proposed program and its potential to increase  
43 student biliteracy. The commissioner shall select grant recipients in  
44 the northern, central, and southern regions of the State and shall  
45 allocate to each selected school district and charter school a grant in  
46 such amount as the commissioner may deem necessary to support  
47 the dual language immersion program.

