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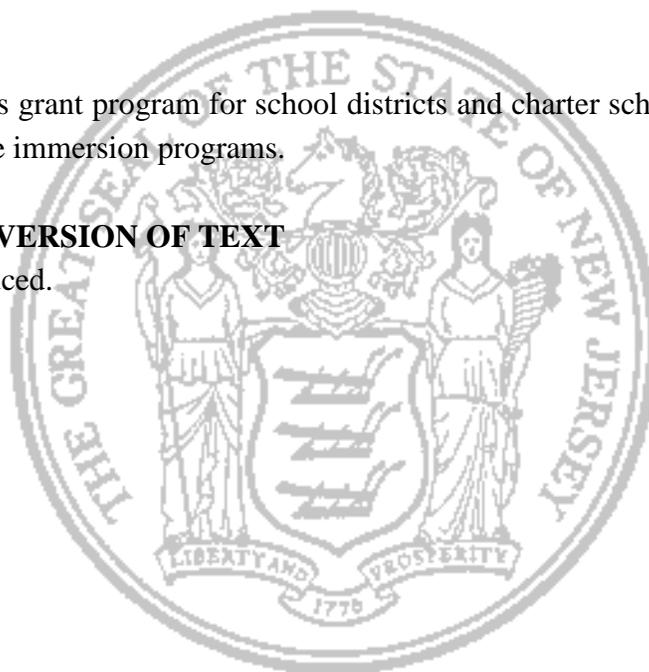
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SYNOPSIS

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.

