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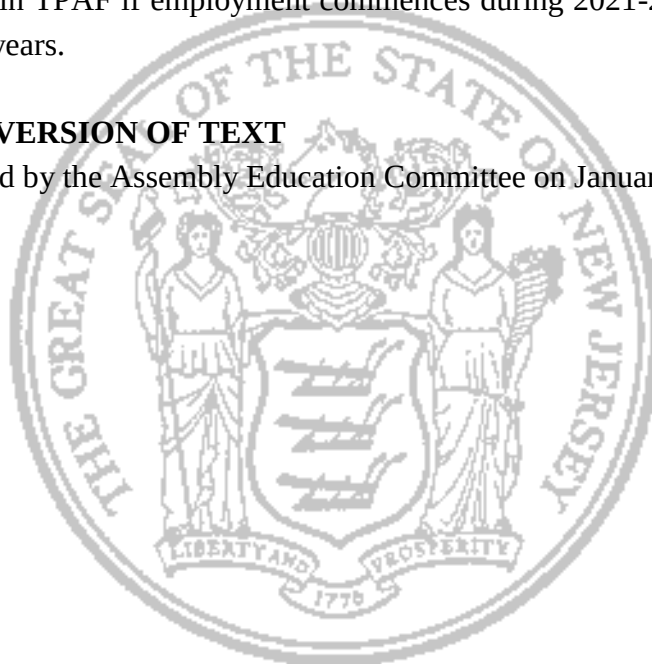
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SYNOPSIS

Permits teacher and professional staff member who provides special services retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF if employment commences during 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on January 3, 2022, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/6/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning a return to employment by a ¹**['school']** teacher
 2 ¹or a professional staff member who provides special services¹
 3 during the ¹**['public health emergency and state of emergency for**
 4 **the COVID-19 pandemic]** 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school
 5 years¹ after retirement from the Teachers' Pension and Annuity
 6 Fund.

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 8 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 9 of New Jersey:

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 11 1. ¹a.¹ Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:66-53.2 to
 12 the contrary, the cancellation, reenrollment, and additional
 13 retirement allowance provisions of subsection a. of N.J.S.18A:66-
 14 53.2 shall not apply to a former member of the Teachers' Pension
 15 and Annuity Fund who is a ¹**['certificated']** teacher ¹or who is a
 16 professional staff member providing special services, including but
 17 not limited to a speech language specialist or a therapist,¹ and who,
 18 after having been granted a retirement allowance, becomes
 19 employed by a board of education in a position of critical need as
 20 determined by the State Commissioner of Education on a
 21 contractual basis for a term of not more than one year; except that
 22 the cancellation, reenrollment, and additional retirement allowance
 23 provisions shall apply if the former member becomes employed
 24 within 180 days with the employer from which the member retired.
 25 Nothing herein shall preclude a former member so reemployed with
 26 a board of education from renewing a contract for one additional
 27 year; provided that the total period of employment with any
 28 individual board of education does not exceed a two-year period,
 29 unless so approved by the Commissioner of Education as being in
 30 the best interests of the school district; and provided that no such
 31 renewal shall provide the former member an election regarding
 32 whether or not to be reenrolled.

33 The former member's retirement shall have been a bona fide
 34 retirement and any employment or reemployment under this section
 35 shall not be prearranged before retirement.

36 ¹b. A school district of a board of education in a position of
 37 critical need, as determined by the Commissioner of Education,
 38 seeking to reemploy a former member pursuant to the provisions of
 39 subsection a. of this section shall demonstrate to the board of
 40 education the need for reemploying such members prior to
 41 reemployment by the board of education.¹

42 This section shall apply only with regard to a ¹**['certificated']**
 43 teacher ¹or a professional staff member who provides special
 44 services¹ whose reemployment with any board of ¹**['election]**

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 January 3, 2022.

1 education¹ commences during the ¹**【**public health emergency and
2 state of emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order
3 No. 103 for the COVID-19 pandemic and during any extensions of
4 that public health emergency and state of emergency**】** remainder of
5 the 2021-2022 school year and the entirety of the 2022-2023 school
6 year¹.

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.