

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3945

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JANUARY 10, 2024

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes “Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program”; appropriates \$95,000.
- Type of Impact:** Three-year State expenditure increase from the General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Education, participating institutions of higher education, participating local school districts.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annually Over Three-Year Duration of Pilot Program</u>
State Expenditure Increase	\$95,000 plus administrative expenses

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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes a three-year Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program aimed at creating mentoring relationships between male students of color that are enrolled in educator preparation programs at institutions of higher education and male teachers of color employed by a school district. The bill requires the Department of Education to develop the program and select one or more school districts and one or more institutions of higher education to participate. Through a competitive application process the department is to select 19 male students of color and 19 male teachers of color to enroll in the pilot program. The teachers will then serve as mentors to these students through their final year of the educator preparation program.

The bill also appropriates \$95,000 from the General Fund in order to provide a \$5,000 a year stipend to participating teachers. At the conclusion of the pilot program, the department would be required to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature on the implementation and effectiveness of the program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).