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### **Governor Signs Commission-Sponsored Bill To Reduce Credential Processing Time**

SACRAMENTO – Legislation ensuring that teachers and other educators receive credentials in a timely manner has been signed by the Governor and will become effective on January 1, 2008. Assembly Bill 469, sponsored by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and authored by Assembly Member Shirley Horton (R-San Diego), sets new benchmarks for credential processing by:

- Reducing the Commission’s current regulatory credential processing time from 75 business days to 50 business days, provided the applicant is not subject to a Commission fitness review.
- Reducing from four months to three months the time by which school districts, county offices of education, nonpublic schools, charter schools and institutions of higher education must submit applications for credentials, certificates, permits, or other documents.

These requirements apply to both electronic and paper application submissions.

“AB 469 is one more step in the Commission’s proactive plan to provide a streamlined production process and a user friendly credentialing system,” stated P. David Pearson, Chair of the Commission. “We greatly appreciate Assembly Member Horton’s and Governor Schwarzenegger’s commitment to teachers and students and are impressed with their dedication to ensuring that teachers are placed in classrooms as quickly as possible.”

Over the past few years, the Commission has moved to electronic submission and processing of credential applications. Currently, more than 50% of all applications are submitted online and are processed in less than ten days.

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Electronic submissions include renewals, credential recommendations from institutions of higher education, and recommendations for clear multiple and single subject teaching credentials from school districts and county offices of education sponsoring accredited beginning teacher induction programs.

To further increase the number of electronic submissions, the Commission is currently working on the implementation of an electronic submission process to enable school districts and county offices of education to submit online applications for substitute permits, short term staff permits and provisional internship permits.

Further innovations are being planned for the near future, including the implementation of a paperless system.

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