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Guidance to Schools on New Activities Supervisor Clearance (AB 1025) Issued by Commission

SACRAMENTO –The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) has issued valuable guidance to schools on implementing a new requirement for non-certificated employees and volunteers who supervise activity programs. The new requirement is meant to reduce the risk that individuals can move from one school district to another with past misconduct or criminal history.

AB 1025, authored by Assembly Member Connie Conway and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger, requires that all non-certificated employees and volunteers who supervise pupil activity programs obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate (ASCC) from the Commission. Applicants for the certificate must complete the fingerprint process and meet the character and professional fitness requirements of the Commission by submitting to state and federal criminal record checks. This is the same character and fitness check that all prospective teachers currently undergo before they are allowed to teach in public schools.

The ASCC provides statewide clearance and may be used in any employing agency in California.

The Commission's guidance (Coded Correspondence 09-19), describes key provisions of the legislation, who must apply and who is exempt, the application process and fees, what happens if the application is denied, the certificate renewal process and *Frequently Asked Questions*.

In addition, a Webinar is planned for February 9, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to provide additional information and answer questions. Information regarding Webinar registration will be available soon.

AB 1025 becomes effective on January 1, 2010; however, it does not become mandatory for employment until July 1, 2010. The Commission plans to make the certificate application process available by spring 2010.

The complete Coded Correspondence, *Frequently Asked Questions* and information on the Webinar can be accessed at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/coded/2009/0919.pdf>

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