

LEGISLATIVE CONCEPT (S) FOR THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION

No Child Left Behind Conforming legislation

Purpose of Proposed Legislation: To make changes as necessary in credentialing statutes that conform with new federal education law, the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*.

Background: The federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires that new teachers hired to teach in Title I schools after July 1, 2002, be "highly qualified." Additionally, the new statute requires that all teachers teaching in core academic subjects be required to meet new federal requirements by 2005-06.

At the December Commission meeting the Commission adopted modifications to existing practices and programs to ensure that: 1) all teachers who currently meet the NCLB requirements are authorized to be in the classroom on the basis of the most appropriate certification document; and 2) California's teacher preparation pipeline is preserved.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission sponsor legislation as a placeholder for any changes in California statutes necessary to bring California credentialing statutes in line with the federal NCLB law.

