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# 2J

## Action

*General Session*

### Teacher Supply in California 2005-2006, A Report to the Legislature

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## AGENDA INSERT

**Executive Summary:** This agenda item is in response to Assembly Bill 471 (Chap. 381, Stats. 1999), which requires the Commission to report to the Governor and the Legislature each year on the number of teachers who received credentials, certificates, permits and waivers to teach in California public schools.

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that the Commission approve the *Teacher Supply in California 2005-06* report for submission to the Governor and Legislature.

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**Strategic Plan Goal: 6**

**Provide leadership in exploring multiple, high quality routes to prepare professional educators California's schools**

- Work with education entities to expand the pool of qualified professional educators

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**RE: AGENDA ITEM 2J THE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT APPROVE THE  
TEACHER SUPPLY IN CALIFORNIA 2005-06 REPORT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT  
COMPLY WITH SECTION 44225.6**

Dear Mr. Pearson,

On your agenda for April 25, 2007 is item 2J, in which the Commission is considering a recommendation to approve "Teacher Supply in California 2005-2006: A Report to the Legislature" ("the Report"). We urge the Commission *not* to approve the Report because it fails to comply with *California Education Code* section 44225.6 as enacted by Assembly Bill 471 and as amended by Assembly Bill 3001. Assembly Bill 3001 (Goldberg, 2004) was enacted as part of the landmark settlement in *Williams v. California* where Public Advocates served as one of the lead plaintiffs' counsel. As amended, section 44225.6 is intended to provide a snapshot of the overall teaching force to the public. If the Report is not amended, this will be the third year where the Commission has failed to comply fully with section 44225.6 as amended by AB 3001.

In April 2006 the Commission approved the report "Teacher Supply in California 2004-2005: A Report to the Legislature." Prior to approval, Public Advocates wrote to the Commission urging it to refrain from approving the report because of the report's failure, for the second year in a row, to comply with section 44225.6. In response, the Commission revised the report to address one of the points we had raised, *i.e.*, including a reference to statewide numbers and percentages of categories of teacher authorizations in the executive summary. We commend the Commission for its response to this one issue and for its overall efforts to provide the important public service embodied by section 44225.6. The Commission, nevertheless, failed to make all the necessary revisions to the 2004-2005 report. Moreover, with regard to this year's report, we again direct the Commission's attention to the following necessary additions so that the Report may be in *full* compliance with the governing statute.

*First*, section 44225.6, as amended pursuant to the *Williams* settlement, requires that the Commission report to the Legislature and the public on the overall teaching force in California by including the categories of authorizations of teachers "[s]tatewide" and "by county" and "as a percentage of the total number of individuals serving as teachers statewide [and] . . . in the county." Cal. Educ. Code § 44225.6(a)(6). Table 5 in the Report currently includes authorizations solely by "school district." *Id.* The Report should also report teacher authorizations statewide and by county.

*Second*, the Report—other than a few incomplete examples—fails to breakdown the number of teachers currently serving with English learner (CLAD, BCLAD and SB 395) authorization either “[s]tatewide, by county, and by school district” or “as a percentage of the total number of individuals serving as teachers statewide, in the county, and in the school district.” Cal. Educ. Code § 44225.6(a)(6)(H)-(I). Although, there are two listings of “BCLAD” holders included in table 5: ten in the Los Angeles Unified School District and ten in the San Diego Unified School District, the CBEDS database shows that there are 181,006 total teachers providing SDAIE, ELD, or primary language instruction to EL students. Thus, the listing of 20 BCLAD holders in the Report does not contain the actual numbers of teachers holding EL authorization.

*Third*, the Report fails to comply with the obligation to provide information on “[t]he number of individuals serving English learner pupils . . . without the appropriate authorization” Cal. Educ. Code § 44225.6(a)(6)(J).<sup>1</sup>

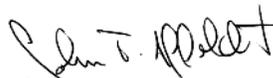
The reporting of this data should not pose significant additional burdens. Much of the data regarding teacher assignments, including teachers of English Learners, is readily available to the Commission in the CBEDS database, if not elsewhere. For example, the CDE gathers on PAIF forms information about each teacher’s classroom assignments and his or her credential authorizations. Each individual PAIF form is linked to CTC data by the fact that the forms identify individual teachers by CTC document number.

In addition to providing the Legislature and the public with information on credentials issued within the last year, the Commission’s responsibilities under section 44225.6 for providing a snapshot of the status of California’s teaching force represents an important public service that is an essential component of the *Williams* settlement’s efforts to ensure qualified teachers for all students. We hope the Commission will embrace this important task.

Because the Teacher Supply report fails to comply with section 44225.6, we urge the Commission *not* to approve the report and to direct staff to issue a report within the month that will satisfy fully the statute’s requirements. We would greatly prefer to see the Commission willingly undertake its new obligations at this time so that we will not have to seek compliance by judicial order.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter and please confirm for us this week that the Commission will fulfill its obligations under section 44225.6 with this year’s report.

Sincerely,

  
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<sup>1</sup> In addition, it does not appear from the Report that section 44225.6(a)(7) requiring that “[t]he specific subjects and teaching areas in which there are a sufficient number of new holders of credentials to fill the positions currently held by individuals with emergency permits” has been met.