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Information

Legislative Committee

Status of Legislation

Executive Summary: Staff will present the status of legislative measures on which the Commission has adopted a position.

Recommended Action: For information only

Presenter: Mary Armstrong, Director, Office of Governmental Relations

Strategic Plan Goal: 2

Support policy development related to educator preparation, conduct and professional growth

- ◆ Inform key legislators and policy makers on issues and ideas relevant to the Commission's scope of action

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Status of Legislation

The *Status of Legislation* agenda item is brought to the Commission to provide updates on the status of bills on which the Commission has taken a position and on the Commission's sponsored bills. Bill updates are listed according to the position adopted by the Commission on each bill.

Sponsor

AB 239(Brownley) Teacher credentialing

Introduced: 02/06/2009

Last Amended: 06/16/2009

Location: ASSEMBLY CONCURRENCE

Summary: This Teacher Credentialing Omnibus Bill would:

1. Authorize the Commission to issue an English learner (EL) authorization to an applicant who possesses a valid teaching credential and who holds specified EL certificates issued by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (National Board).
2. Allow District Intern Programs to continue to offer education specialist credentials in all areas of special education by deleting the January 1, 2010 sunset date.
3. Require the Commission to issue a clear teaching or services credential authorizing service in the area in which the person has received National Board certification rather than the current limit to multiple subject, single subject and education specialist teaching credentials.

SB 512(Committee on Education) Education

Introduced: 02/26/2009

Last Amended: 06/01/2009

Location: SENATE ENROLLMENT

Summary: This bill would update references to the Commission. The bill would also update cross-references, delete obsolete provisions, and would make other technical, nonsubstantive changes.

SB 751(Romero) Teacher credentials

Introduced: 02/27/2009

Last Amended: 06/24/2009

Location: ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Summary: This bill would:

1. Authorize the Commission to issue a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential to a teacher prepared in a country other than the United States who has earned a valid corresponding elementary, secondary, or special education teaching credential in another state and who meets specified requirements.
2. Require a school district, county office of education, or charter school that provides intensive examination preparation courses for the purposes of preparing credential holders to demonstrate

subject matter knowledge to meet specified requirements. This bill would also authorize those local educational entities to contract with other specified entities for services to provide intensive examination preparation courses to assist teacher participants to prepare for taking Commission-approved subject matter examinations.

Support

AB 364(Torlakson) California After School Teacher Pipeline Program

Introduced: 02/23/2009

Last Amended: N/A

Location: HELD IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Summary: This bill would establish the California After School Teacher Pipeline Program, a pilot program, for the purpose of recruiting qualified after school instructors to participate on a pilot basis in the California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program. The bill would require the Commission to select up to 4 school districts or county offices of education receiving program funds under the California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program to apply for pilot program funds. The bill would require the Commission to use the \$150,000 annually transferred by the State Department of Education to award a grant to each selected applicant, not to exceed \$3,500 per pilot participant per year. The bill would require the Commission, before January 1, 2015, to report to the Legislature regarding the pilot program, as specified. The bill would make these provisions inoperative on July 1, 2016, and repeal them on January 1, 2017. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 544(Coto) Teaching credential: American Indian languages

Introduced: 02/25/2009

Last Amended: 07/08/2009

Location: SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Summary: This bill would require the Commission, upon recommendation by a tribal government of a federally recognized Indian tribe in California, to issue an American Indian languages credential to a candidate who has demonstrated fluency in that tribal language, and met other requirements. The bill would authorize the holder of an American Indian languages credential to teach the American Indian language for which the credential was issued in California public schools in preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and in adult education courses, and would make the holder of that credential eligible for a professional clear teaching credential upon completion of a specified period of time and application and consultation, as specified. The bill would encourage each federally recognized American Indian tribe to develop a written and oral assessment that should be successfully completed before an applicant is recommended for an American Indian languages credential.

AB 794(Hagman) Teacher credentialing: fees

Introduced: 02/26/2009

Last Amended: 04/14/2009

Location: ASSEMBLY ENROLLMENT

Summary: This bill would require the Commission to waive all application and processing fees for the initial issuance of a teaching credential to an out-of-state applicant who relocates to

California due to orders received from a branch of the United States Armed Forces that require the applicant's spouse to relocate to California.

SB 19(Simitian) Education data

Introduced: 12/01/2008

Last Amended: 05/04/2009

Location: ASSEMBLY INACTIVE FILE

Summary: This bill would authorize provisions of existing law, as it relates to specific objectives to be carried out by the State Chief Information Officer, to be implemented using federal grant funds received pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through that act's provision of funds for statewide data systems under the federal Education Technical Assistance Act.

Support if Amended

AB 148(Coto) Commission on Teacher Credentialing: study on transformational leadership.

Introduced: 01/22/2009

Last Amended: 03/10/2009

Location: HELD IN SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Summary: This bill would require the Commission to conduct a one year study to recommend more effective paths to transformational leadership, as defined, through the administrative services credentialing process for school principals and leaders. The bill would require the Commission to conduct the study between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, and to report its findings to the Legislature by no later than December 31, 2011. The bill would repeal those provisions as of January 1, 2012.

AB 1025(Conway) Schools: employees and volunteers: Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate

Introduced: 02/27/2009

Last Amend: 05/18/2009

Location: SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Summary: This bill would require a noncertificated candidate, commencing on July 1, 2010, prior to assuming a paid or volunteer position to supervise, direct, or coach a pupil activity program sponsored by, or affiliated with, a school district, to obtain from the Commission an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate issued by the Commission upon verification of the candidate's personal identification and verification that he or she meets specified requirements. The bill would require that each certificate be issued initially for a period of 5 years and provide that it may be renewed. The bill would also authorize the Commission to establish a fee for the certificate. This bill contains other related provisions.