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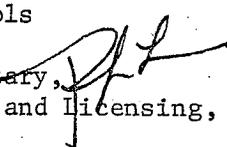
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TO: State Agencies Responsible for Issuance of Credentials  
Authorizing Service in Public Schools

FROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary,   
Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing,  
State of California

SUBJECT: Questionnaire Relative to the Role of Fingerprinting  
in Credentialing and Employment of School Personnel

The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing of the State of California is currently engaged in a review and possible update of its procedures for issuance or denial/suspension/revocation of credentials for service in the public schools.

A particular feature of the California system is the stipulation in state law that all applicants for credentials submit fingerprints as part of the credentialing process, thus permitting the Commission to gain knowledge of criminal violations which might lead to denial/suspension/revocation of a credential.

It is our desire through the accompanying questionnaire to learn the degree to which other states utilize such a fingerprinting check, and also to ascertain the possible interest of other states in engaging in further study of this general area.

I would therefore appreciate it if you would complete the enclosed questionnaire, and using the self-addressed envelope, return it to Mr. Hector Burke, Chief, Office of Professional Standards, Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, 1020 O Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Enclosure

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON UTILIZATION OF FINGERPRINTING BY STATE AGENCIES  
IN THE CREDENTIALING OF PERSONNEL FOR SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. State Agency Responding \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Name and Title of Person Completing Questionnaire  
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4. Do the state statutes under which you credential personnel for service in the public schools require fingerprinting as part of the credentialing process? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
5. Do statutes in your state require fingerprinting as part of the employment process of certificated school personnel? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
6. Would you be interested in exploring the possibilities of utilizing fingerprinting as part of the credentialing process in your state? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
7. The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing of the State of California is considering the dissemination of a more extensive questionnaire for study of issues related to issuance and denial/suspension/revocation of credentials for service in the public schools. If this project is undertaken, it is anticipated that the questionnaire would take no more than one hour to complete. Would you be interested and willing to participate in such a study? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
8. Please provide any comments on this area of concern below:

Thank you. Please return completed questionnaire to Mr. Hector Burke, Chief, Office of Professional Standards, Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, State of California, 1020 O Street, Sacramento, California 95814.