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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing

FROM: John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Programs Offered in California by Out-of-State Institutions of Higher Education

In 1981, the Commission proposed legislation (AB 836) that established very stringent requirements for out-of-state institutions offering programs in California, for credential purposes. AB 836 (Campbell) was chaptered on September 23, 1981, with an effective date of January 1, 1982. A copy of the chaptered version is on the reverse side.

The requirements that out-of-state institutions must meet are as follows:

- (1) The out-of-state institution is regionally accredited;
- (2) The program of courses has received satisfactory evaluation by both the accrediting body of the out-of-state institution and by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges;
- (3) Evidence of satisfactory evaluation is submitted to the Commission by the president of the out-of-state institution;
- (4) The program of courses is submitted to the Commission for review and approval/deny.

California is the first state, to my knowledge, to pass such legislation. Commission staff met with staff of the W.A.S.C. in drafting the language of AB 836. The implementation of AB 836 (E.C. Section 44227) marks the initial involvement of WASC in the evaluation of a program, rather than the evaluation of an institution or agency. The Commission is appreciative of the support and assistance of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Commission in the drafting of the legislation and the implementation of AB 836.

The Commission has informed all out-of-state accredited institutions, known to have operated programs in California, for credential purposes, of the implications of AB 836. In addition, the Commission has also informed all regional accrediting agencies of AB 836 and its implications to the accrediting agency and to the institutions of higher education within their jurisdiction.

Title 5 Regulations implementing AB 836 have been written and are contained in Section 80457, and included within coded correspondence 81-8228. These Title 5 Regulations will be a part of the Public Hearing discussion on May 5, 1982.

California IHE's with approved programs and the Commission may accept courses, offered as partial fulfillment of credential requirements, when such courses were offered in California by out-of-state accredited IHE's prior to January 1, 1982. However, neither California IHE's nor the Commission may accept any course work completed for credential purposes after January 1, 1982, unless such course work has been evaluated and approved as specified in Education Code Section 44227.

If you have questions, please contact our Information Services (916)445-7254.

Assembly Bill No. 836

CHAPTER 637

An act to amend Section 44227 of the Education Code, relating to school employees.

[Approved by Governor September 23, 1981. Filed with Secretary of State September 23, 1981.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 836, Campbell. School employees: teacher education.

Under existing law, the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing may approve an institution of higher education to recommend that its students be issued teaching credentials in California if that institution's teacher education program meets standards prescribed by the commission.

This bill would authorize the commission to approve for credit coursework for the purposes of obtaining credentials or step increases completed in programs offered in California by an accredited out-of-state institution only if the institution is regionally accredited and if the institution submits a satisfactory evaluation by the regional accrediting body and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 44227 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44227. (a) The commission may approve any institution of higher education whose teacher education program meets the standards prescribed by the commission, to recommend to the commission the issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed such programs.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commission may approve for credit any coursework completed for credential purposes or for step increases in programs offered in California by out-of-state institutions of higher education which meet the requirements prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 94310 only if the program of courses is offered by a regionally accredited institution and evidence of satisfactory evaluation by both that accrediting body and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges is submitted by the out-of-state institution to the commission for purposes of seeking approval of the program and any courses within that program for the purposes of obtaining a credential in California.