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June 24, 1985

TO: County and District Superintendents of Schools; Deans, Heads or Chairmen, Schools of Education, California Higher Education Institutions; and County and College Credential Specialists

FROM: John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Increase In The Fee For Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation Fingerprint Processing.

On July 1, 1985 the Department of Justice is increasing the fee for fingerprint processing to \$18.50. This fee has been \$17.50 since January 1, 1985. This will be an increase of \$1.00.

A credential or permit filed on or after July 1, 1985 must include payment of \$18.50 for the processing of fingerprint cards by the Department of Justice.

We also have information that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be increasing their fee for fingerprint processing from \$12.00 to \$14.00 by October 1, 1985. The Commission will be promulgating a regulation to raise this fee in the future. Continue to submit the \$12.00 fee until further notice.

Education Code Section 44234, Teacher Credentials Fund, provides that the Commission is a special fund state agency and must levy fees on its applicants sufficient to support its activities and functions. It is therefore necessary that the fee charged of applicants for processing their fingerprint cards be increased by the amount necessary to reimburse the Commission for the actual amount paid to the California Department of Justice.

Section 80487(a)(7), Title 5 of the Administrative Code, states that the fee for the Department of Justice fingerprint clearance process shall be:

Seventeen dollars and fifty cents, or the actual fee if it is different than this amount, to reimburse the Commission for the fee charged by the California State Department of Justice, Criminal Identification and Investigation Bureau, for furnishing its summary criminal history information on applicants for credentials, permits and certificates.

Your cooperation in instituting this fee increase will be very much appreciated and will help in carrying out an effective Professional Standards review program. If you have any questions, please telephone or write to Dr. Richard Mastain, (916)445-0233.

NOTICE: The effective date of  
this fee change is: FILING  
DATE, AUGUST 1, 1985.

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FROM: John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Increase In the Fee For The Department Of Justice's Fingerprint Processing

On January 1, 1985 the Department of Justice increased the fee for fingerprint processing to \$17.50. The Commission, as per Title 5 Regulation 80487(a)(7), has been charging \$15.25 since July 1, 1984. The Commission has been paying, from its own budget, the difference between the \$15.25 collected and the \$17.50 charged by the Department of Justice since January 1, 1985.

Title 5 Regulations to change the fee charged for the Department of Justice's fingerprint processing from \$15.25 to \$17.50 will become effective on or about April 15, 1985. Applications for an initial credential, filed on and after April 15, 1985 must include payment of \$17.50 for the processing of fingerprint cards by the Department of Justice.

BACKGROUND:

On December 4, 1984 the Department of Justice notified the Teacher Credentialing Commission that effective January 1, 1985 it was raising its fingerprint processing fee to \$17.50 to comply with the new court order requiring it to screen its criminal history summaries to be used for licensing so that they only give arrest entries that either resulted in conviction or are currently in active prosecution. The Commission's regulation Section 80487(a)(7) provides that effective July 1, 1984 the fee to reimburse the Commission for the actual fee charged by the California State Department of Justice for furnishing its criminal history summary on credential applicants would be \$15.25.

Education Code Section 44234, Teacher Credentials Fund, provides that the Commission is a special fund state agency and must levy fees on its applicants sufficient to support its activities and functions. It is therefore necessary that the fee charged of applicants for processing their fingerprint cards be increased the amount necessary to reimburse the Commission for the actual amount paid to the California Department of Justice. In addition to the "flow-through" money collected by the Commission and paid to the Department of Justice, the Commission expends approximately two and a half person-years processing the fingerprint cards through to the Department of Justice and the F.B.I.

California, in the opinion of many people, has the most effective Professional Standards operation in the country. There are a number of reasons for this

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including knowledgeable legislators, enabling legislation, a watchful and thoughtful Commission, outstanding members on the professional standards committee, and a fine staff. Another reason is the process of requiring fingerprints from each first-time applicant. It is costly and at times very frustrating (such as when the fingerprints are not readable). However, it is in the best interests of the students of this state. I think more and more states will be moving toward fingerprint checks in the near future.

Thanks very much for your cooperation in this matter. If you have questions, please telephone or write to Dr. Richard Mastain (916)445-0233.