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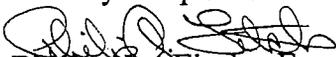
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TO: Credential Analysts, Deans of Education and
County Superintendents of Schools

FROM: 
Philip A. Fitch, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Implementation of Assembly Bill 2923
Elimination of the Exemption for the Teaching of
Reading Credential Requirement

AB 2923 (Hughes) has been signed into law amending the Education Code Section 44259 to read:

44259. (a) The minimum requirements for the teaching credential, except designated subjects, are:

(1) A baccalaureate degree or higher degree, except in professional education, from an approved institution.

(2) A fifth year of study to be completed within five years from the date of issuance of the preliminary credential.

(3) An approved program of professional preparation.

(4) Passage of a subject matter examination or its waiver as specified in this chapter.

(5) Demonstration of a knowledge of the various methods of teaching reading, to a level deemed adequate by the commission, by successful completion of a program of study approved by the commission or passage of a commission-approved reading examination.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), persons who are performing teaching services as of January 1, 1991, pursuant to the version of this section in effect prior to that date may continue to perform those services without complying with any additional requirements.

Prior to this amendment, candidates for a single subject teaching credential in industrial and technology education, physical education, music, art or home economics were exempt from demonstrating knowledge of the various methods of teaching reading. Pursuant to this amendment, all applicants for the Multiple Subject or Single Subject teaching credential will be held for the teaching of reading requirement. Out-of-state applicants receiving a one-year preliminary credential may complete this requirement during that one-year period.

This legislation becomes effective on January 1, 1991, but will not affect those persons who complete credential programs and file credential applications with the recommending institution, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or employing agency by September 1, 1991. This change does not affect holders of preliminary credentials.

Supplementary Authorizations being added to Single Subject credentials are also not affected. Title 5 Regulation 80089(b) will continue to exempt Single Subject categories in industrial arts, physical education, music, art or home economics until such time as the Commission revises these regulations.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact our Information Services Unit at (916) 445-7254 between 12:30 and 4:30 weekday afternoons.