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To: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the
Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Subject: STATE LICENSING MATCH SYSTEM (SLMS)

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has been included in the California Department of Social Services' "State Licensing Match System" (SLMS). **This program prevents any absent parent who fails to pay court ordered child support from receiving either initial issuance or renewal of a business or professional license or credential for longer than 150 days without first paying, or making an agreement to pay, the court ordered child support.**

The Department of Social Services (DSS) receives delinquent support information from offices of the District Attorney throughout the state and creates a list of individuals identified as being delinquent in their child support payments. They will forward the list on a monthly basis to the Commission via magnetic tape. Effective October 1, 1993, all incoming applications will be compared to this tape. If a "match" is made, the application process will be expedited and a "Notice of Intent" to withhold the regular term document will be mailed immediately to the applicant. The notice will identify which District Attorney(s) office the applicant must contact in order to receive a release. There will also be an opportunity for the applicant to contest the action of the District Attorney(s). None of the release process will involve the Commission. After the release is arranged, the District Attorney's office will contact the Commission, and the release will be recorded in the computer system.

Requests for Certificates of Clearance, name changes, duplicates, replacements and corrections will not be affected.

This new process, based upon Welfare and Institutions Code section 11350.6, establishes that **a document valid for 150 days may be issued to applicants** pending a release from the appropriate District Attorney(s). Such documents will look like the Commission's regular credentials, certificates and