DATE: September 15, 1999

TO: Persons Interested in Regulations Governing the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM: Sam W. Swofford, Ed.D.
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Revised Proposed Amendments and Additions to Title 5 Regulations, Section 80050, Pertaining to Changes in the Health Services (School Nurse) Regulation

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing originally conducted a public hearing on October 1, 1998 regarding the above referenced Title 5 Regulations, pertaining to changes in the Health Services (School Nurse) Regulation. As a result of the public hearing, several changes were made. They were:

(1) The name of the credential shall be School Nurse Services Credential
(2) The phrase “possession of a valid California license as a registered nurse” is reiterated in Sections (b) Minimum requirements for the professional clear credential; and (c) Minimum requirements for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health.

Individual and organizational responses to the Notice of Public Hearing, as well as oral responses at the public hearing held on October 1, 1998 were relied upon for the proposed changes.

Additional changes have been made in September, 1999 to the proposed Title 5 Regulations, Section 80050, and/or to the Rulemaking File, based on the initial denial of the proposed rulemaking by the Office of Administrative Law on August 11, 1999. These changes are:

(1) Clarification of the minutes of the public hearing held on October 1, 1998, to include a summary of the comments made by speakers.
(2) Clarification of the staff responses to comments submitted in writing by providing a written summary of the comments submitted by members of the public.
(3) Clarification of the requirement of the CBEST for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health.
(4) Clarification of the definition of a "regionally accredited institution of higher education" in the Updated Informative Digest.

(5) Clarification of the definition of the term "recommendation of the candidate" in Section 80050 (b)(4).

(6) Clarification of the section heading for Section 80050 to remove the older and no longer used terminology of "Professional" Credential.

(7) Clarification of the determination that "no alternative considered by the agency would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation" in the Final Statement of Reasons.

(8) Clarification of the Education Code section reference pertaining to the definition of services authorized to be provided by a School Nurse (Education Code Section 49426).

(9) Clarification of the date of validity for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health (Section 80050 (e)(2)).

(10) Clarification of the Proposed Amendments/Additions to Section 80050 to include corrected underlining of sections added or changed as a result of the public hearing and/or comments.

(11) Inclusion in the Rulemaking File of copies of the original notices published by the Commission in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 3, 1999 (Register 98, No. 27-Z) and on August 28, 1998 (Register 98, No. 35-Z).

Attached is a copy of the entire text, clearly showing all of the proposed amendments. The added text is double underlined, while the deleted is lined-through.

Responses to this notice will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 1998.

Attachments
PREFERRED AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5, SECTION 80050

PERTAINING TO CHANGES IN THE HEALTH SERVICES (SCHOOL NURSE) SCHOOL NURSE SERVICES AUTHORIZATION

80050. Specific Requirements for the Preliminary and the Professional Clear School Nurse Health Services Credential (School Nurse) School Nurse Services Credential, including Requirements for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health.

(a) The minimum requirements for the preliminary School Nurse Health Services (School Nurse) Services Credential shall include all of the following:

1. a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; and
2. a valid California license as a registered nurse;
3. passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test as specified in Education Code Section 44252(b).

(b) The minimum requirements for the clear School Nurse Services credential shall include all of the following:

1. possession of the preliminary School Nurse Services credential issued prior to July 1, 1981;
2. to satisfy the requirement in Education Code Section 44267.5 of one year of course work beyond the baccalaureate degree, completion of a Commission-approved School Nurse program.

(c) The minimum requirements for the professional School Nurse Services Credential shall include all of the following:

1. possession of the preliminary School Nurse Services credential;
2. two years or the equivalent of successful service as a school nurse;
3. to satisfy the requirement in Education Code Section 44267.5 of one year of course work beyond the baccalaureate degree, completion of a Commission-approved School Nurse program.

(b) The minimum requirements for the professional clear School Nurse Services Health Services Credential (School Nurse) School Nurse Services Credential shall include all of the following:

1. Possession of a California Preliminary School Nurse Services Credential;
2. a valid California license as a registered nurse;
3. Two years or the equivalent of successful service as a school nurse; and
(3)(4) The completion of a professional preparation program for the School Nurse Services Credential accredited by the Committee on Accreditation, including successful completion of supervised field experiences, and the recommendation of the candidate for the School Nurse Services Credential by the college or university where the program was completed.

(c) The minimum requirements for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health, which may be added to an existing credential or taken in conjunction with the requirements specified in (b) above, include all of the following:

(1) Possession of a valid professional clear California credential that authorizes service as a school nurse or completion of the requirements specified in (b) above;

(2) A valid California license as a registered nurse;

(3) Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST); and

(3)(4) The completion of a professional preparation program for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health accredited by the Committee on Accreditation, including successful completion of at least six graduate semester units (or nine quarter units) of coursework and at least fifteen clock hours of observation and forty-five clock hours of student teaching specifically designed to prepare nurses to teach health, and the recommendation of the college or university where the program was completed.

(d) Authorizations:

(1) The **Health Services Credential (School Nurse) School Nurse Services Credential** authorizes the holder to perform the services as specified in Education Code section 49426.

(2) The Special Teaching Authorization in Health authorizes the holder to teach classes in health in preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive and classes organized primarily for adults as specified in Education Code 44267.5(d).

(d)(e) The period of validity is as follows:

(1) The Preliminary school nurse **Health Services Credential (School Nurse) School Nurse Services Credential** shall be issued for five years.

(2) The Professional Clear **Health Services Credential (School Nurse) School Nurse Services Credential** shall be valid for the length of time specified in Title 5 Section 80553.

(3) The Special Teaching Authorization in Health shall be valid as long as the prerequisite credential authorizing school nurse services is valid.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44252, Education Code. Reference: Section 44267.5, Education Code; Section 49426, Education Code
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Title: SCHOOL NURSE SERVICES CREDENTIAL

15-day Notice
Section Nos.: 80050

Response to the Attached Title 5 Regulations

If you disagree with the new proposed changes within the attached Title 5 regulations, please return this response form to the Commission, attention Executive Office, at the above address by 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 1998.

☐ No, I do not agree with the new proposed changes to these Title 5 Regulations for the following reasons:

☐ Personal opinion of the undersigned and/or

☐ Organizational opinion representing:______________________________
   (Circle One) School District, County Schools, College, University, Professional Organization, Other

Signature: ___________________________________________  Date: ____________________

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