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Legislative Committee

Status of Commission-Sponsored Legislation

Executive Summary: Staff will present the status of Commission-sponsored legislative measures.

Recommended Action: For information only

Presenters: Marilyn Errett, Administrator, and Mary Armstrong, Director, Office of Governmental Relations

Strategic Plan Goal: 2

Support policy development related to educator preparation, conduct and professional growth.

- ◆ Inform key legislators and policy makers on issues and ideas relevant to the Commission's scope of action.

January-February 2008

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At its December 5-6, 2007 meeting, the Commission adopted four legislative concepts and received an update on a fifth concept previously approved at the August 2007 meeting. These concepts are to become the Commission's sponsored legislation for 2008. In addition to adopting the concepts for sponsored legislation, the Commission directed staff to seek authors for each of the concepts. This item offers a brief update on staff's efforts and provides information about the 2008 legislative calendar.

On January 7, 2008, the Legislature reconvened for the second half of the 2007-2008 two-year legislative session. Language for new 2008 bills must be submitted to the Office of the Legislative Counsel by January 25, 2008 and all bills must be introduced by February 22, 2008.

Commission staff has secured authors for all five of the approved concepts and has divided one concept into two sections for two authors, one from each major political party, who have a long history of cooperating on bills of mutual interest. Thus, the Commission will sponsor, or co-sponsor six bills in 2008. Initial language has been submitted to each author. Because the Office of the Legislative Counsel often edits submissions, staff will provide the Commission with bill language for each concept as each bill is introduced.

The concepts and authors are provided for information in the following table.

Legislative Concept	Author
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Credential Discipline (part one)</i></p> <p>“No Contest” Pleas: Eliminate the distinction between a guilty plea and a “no contest” plea for misdemeanor convictions for credential holders.</p> <p>Disclosure of Findings: Eliminate “one year” limit on providing probable cause findings to school district employers.</p>	<p>Senator Bob Margett (R) Glendora</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Credential Discipline (part two)</i></p> <p>Licensing Discipline Reciprocity: Provide for mandatory revocation of credentials if an educator is revoked by another state’s licensing agency.</p> <p>Criminal Probation Reciprocity: Provide for mandatory revocation of credentials if the terms of criminal probation prohibit unsupervised contact with minors or surrender of a credential.</p>	<p>Senator Jack Scott (D) Pasadena</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Designated Subjects Career Technical Education Credential</i></p> <p>Amend CTE Credential Requirements: Allow for the implementation of recommendations of the Commission’s Career Technical Education Advisory Workgroup.</p>	<p>Senator Jack Scott (D) Pasadena</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) for Education Specialist Credentials</i></p> <p>Amend Education Code: Allow for the implementation of the TPA recommendation of the Commission’s Special Education Advisory Workgroup.</p>	<p>Senator Jack Scott (D) Pasadena</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Course Work Route for the Bilingual Crosscultural Language and Academic Development (BCLAD) Certificate</i></p> <p>Clarify Education Code: Provide options for earning the BCLAD Certificate.</p>	<p>Assembly Member Joe Coto (D) San Jose</p>

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<p data-bbox="358 327 623 363"><i>Technical Clean-up</i></p> <p data-bbox="188 401 719 432">Non-substantive Changes to Education</p> <p data-bbox="188 436 789 537">Code: Delete obsolete language, align sections of the Education Code, and update Education Code references.</p>	<p data-bbox="907 422 1349 457">Assembly Education Committee</p> <p data-bbox="896 489 1360 525">(With the Department of Education)</p>