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## Information

### *Legislative Committee*

### Status of Legislation

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**Executive Summary:** Staff will present the status of legislative measures on which the Commission has adopted a position.

**Recommended Action:** For information only

**Presenters:** Marilyn Errett, Administrator,  
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

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The *Status of Legislation* agenda item is brought to the Commission to provide updates on the status of bills on which the Commission has taken a position and on the Commission's sponsored bills. Bill updates are listed according to the position adopted by the Commission on each bill.

### Sponsor

**[AB 1871\(Coto\)](#) Teacher credentialing: English language development and bilingual-cultural competence**

**Introduced:** 02/04/2008

**Last Amended:** 08/12/2008

**Location:** ASSEMBLY ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue authorizations for instruction in bilingual-crosscultural language and academic development to specified holders of credentials who will be serving English learners and includes services delivered in the student's primary language. Current law allows only an examination route for earning the authorization. AB 1871 would give candidates the additional options of earning the authorization by completing an approved program or by a combination of examination and portions of an approved program.

**[AB 2057\(Committee on Education\)](#) Education**

**Introduced:** 02/19/2008

**Last Amended:** 07/02/2008

**Location:** Chaptered by Secretary of State (Chap. 223, Stats. 2008)

**Summary:** AB 2057 is the Assembly Education Committee omnibus technical clean-up bill sponsored annually by the California Department of Education. The Commission approved several technical clean-up provisions related to credentials for inclusion in the bill.

**[SB 1104\(Scott\)](#) Teacher credentialing**

**Introduced:** 01/15/2008

**Last Amended:** 05/20/2008

**Location:** SENATE ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** This bill would implement several of the recommendations of the Commission's Career Technical Education Panel through the following measures: • Reduce the term of the Preliminary Credential from 5 to 3 years. • Reduce the years of experience required for the Preliminary Credential from 5 to 3 years. • Move the U.S. Constitution requirement from the Preliminary Credential to the Clear Credential, thus eliminating a barrier for beginning CTE

teachers. In addition to those changes, the bill contains other changes to clean-up the Education Code relating to CTE teachers.

**SB 1105(Margett) Teacher credentialing: criminal convictions**

**Introduced:** 01/15/2008

**Last Amended:** 08/05/2008

**Location:** SENATE ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** SB 1105 would implement educator discipline reform through the following measures: • Eliminate the distinction between a guilty plea and “no contest” plea for specified misdemeanor convictions for credential holders. • Increase from one year to five years the limit on providing probable cause findings to school district employers. • Require the Legislature to convene a work group to study specified sections of the Education Code and report to the Legislature by December 1, 2009.

**SB 1110(Scott) Teacher credentialing: revocation of credential**

**Introduced:** 01/18/2008

**Last Amended:** 04/09/2008

**Location:** SENATE ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** SB 1110 would implement educator discipline reform through the following measures: • Require the Commission to suspend the credential of a holder when it determines that a credential or license authorizing the holder to perform any duty in the public schools has been revoked by another state if that revocation is based on acts of misconduct that could be grounds for revocation in California. • Provide for mandatory revocation of credentials if the terms of criminal probation prohibit unsupervised contact with minors or surrender of a credential.

## Support

**AB 131(Beall) Teacher credentialing: specialist credential: pupils with autism**

**Introduced:** 01/12/2007

**Last Amended:** 06/19/2008

**Location:** ASSEMBLY ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** AB 131 would authorize a local educational agency or school to employ and assign an individual to provide instruction to pupils who are 3 and 4 years of age and who are diagnosed as autistic, as defined, if the individual holds a valid Education Specialist Credential, is authorized to provide instruction to pupils with autism, and meets specified competence criteria. These provisions would become inoperative on August 31, 2011, and would be repealed on January 1, 2012. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

**AB 2226(Ruskin) Teachers: special education teacher preparation programs: comparability of coursework**

**Introduced:** 02/20/2008

**Last Amended:** 06/04/2008

**Location:** Chaptered by the Secretary of State (Chap. 233, Stats. 2008)

**Summary:** AB 2226 would require the Commission to convene a workgroup for the purpose of providing guidance to special education credential preparation programs in determining the comparability of coursework or field experience completed in other Commission-accredited special education credential programs. The bill would require the Commission to report the workgroup's finding to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Secretary for Education on or before December 1, 2009.

**AB 2302(Bass) Teacher credentialing: specialist credential: pupils with autism**

**Introduced:** 02/21/2008

**Last Amended:** 04/22/2008

**Location:** Chaptered by Secretary of State (Chap. 41, Stats. 2008)

**Summary:** AB 2302 authorizes a local educational agency or school to assign a teacher who holds an Education Specialist Credential, or a previously issued credential, that authorizes instruction to individuals with mild and moderate disabilities to provide instruction to pupils with autism, as defined, if the teacher consents to the assignment and satisfies certain criteria. Local educational agencies and schools that assign teachers to provide instruction to pupils with autism pursuant to the bill are required to report teacher assignments made pursuant to that authority as part of their annual assignment monitoring. These provisions will become inoperative 2 years after the Commission adopts regulations to implement the recommended modifications regarding specialist credentials, or on August 31, 2011, whichever occurs first, and will be repealed on January 1, 2012. This bill is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

**SB 1186(Scott) Teachers**

**Introduced:** 02/12/2008

**Last Amended:** 06/25/2008

**Location:** SENATE ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** SB 1186 is a credentialing omnibus bill that would amend provisions for meeting the basic skills requirement, reinforce support and mentoring for permit teachers and interns, amend grant criteria for funded teacher intern programs, and amend employment-related provisions of the Education Code.

**SB 1674(Torlakson) Before and after school programs**

**Introduced:** 02/22/2008

**Last Amended:** 08/08/2008

**Location:** SENATE ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** SB 1674 makes changes to the After School Education and Safety Program (Proposition 49). Content related to the Commission's Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program was deleted. The measure no longer affects the work of the Commission.

## **Oppose Unless Amended**

**AB 2517(Portantino) Teacher credentialing**

**Introduced:** 02/21/2008

**Last Amended:** 07/02/2008

**Location:** SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** AB 2517, until January 1, 2015, would establish the educator credentialing demonstration project, to encourage the development of educator preparation programs provided by school districts, county offices of education, community-based organizations, and nongovernmental organizations. The bill would authorize the Commission to assess a fee on a community-based or nongovernmental organization that is seeking approval to participate in the demonstration project. The bill would require the Commission and the Committee on Accreditation to report to the Legislature and the Governor on the results of the demonstration project on or before January 1, 2014.

## **Oppose**

### **SB 1643(Torlakson) Teacher credentialing: eminence teaching credential**

**Introduced:** 02/22/2008

**Last Amended:** 07/01/2008

**Location:** ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** SB 1643 would authorize a county board of education, upon the recommendation of a school district, to issue an eminence credential. Applicants for an eminence teaching credential would be required to successfully complete a moral character review conducted by the Commission. The bill would set forth the minimum requirements for renewal and for a Clear Eminence Teaching Credential issued by the Commission. The Commission would be required to track and report on these credentials in the same manner that existing eminence credentials are reported. These provisions would become inoperative on January 1, 2014, and would be repealed on January 1, 2015.