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TO: School District Superintendents and County Offices of Education
Superintendents

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SUBJECT: **Implementation of Notification of Placement on Compulsory Leave
as Required by SB 1656 (Scott) Chapter 471 of the Statutes of 2001-
2002.**

On September 11, 2002, SB 1656 went into effect as urgency legislation. This statute amends Section 44940 of the Education Code to **require** school districts to notify the Commission within 10 days when the district places a certificated employee on compulsory leave due to that individual being charged with a mandatory or optional leave of absence offense. The statute also requires the district to forward a copy of the charging document to the Commission **within 10 days**. The Commission is required to suspend the credential upon such notification. These amendments make no changes in the compulsory leave process itself.

Prior law required the Commission to suspend the credential when a credential holder was charged with a compulsory leave offense, but was unclear regarding the procedures or time requirements for notifying the Commission of the compulsory leave.

The notice and charging documents should be sent to:

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Division of Professional Practices
1900 Capitol Avenue
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This statute also clarifies the mandatory denial of applications and revocation of credentials of individuals required to register as sex offenders. The full text of SB 1656 may be found by searching for the bill at the Legislative Counsel's site at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>.

If you have any questions about the notification process or SB 1656, please contact the Division of Professional Practices at (916) 445-0243.