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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing	FROM: Dale A. Janssen Executive Director Commission on Teacher Credentialing
SUBJECT: Implementation of Senate Bill 280 Pertaining to Appropriate Assignment to Serve English Learners	

Summary:

SB 280 (Chap. 145, Stats, 2007) was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2007. One provision of the bill pertains to options to earn and the requirement to hold an English learner (EL) authorization for designated subjects vocational/career technical education and special subject teaching credentials and service credentials with a special class authorization.

Other changes in SB 280 will be addressed in a separate Commission correspondence.

Key Provisions:

SB 280 states that holders of designated subjects vocational/career technical education and special subject teaching credentials and service credentials with a special class authorization may complete the staff development required to earn a Certificate of Completion of Staff Development (CCSD). The *Williams* settlement brings a renewed focus to the requirement that all teachers providing instructional services to English learner students hold an appropriate English learner authorization. The provisions of SB 280 do not change that requirement.

The local employing agency determines if a student needs EL services. If instructional services are needed, the teacher must hold an appropriate EL authorization. Students identified in California K-12 public schools are required to receive services designed to meet their linguistic and academic needs based on assessments made by the local employing agency. When instructional services are needed to ensure success in English and or the academic content, an appropriately authorized teacher responsible for the

content instruction is required. State laws do not provide exemptions for a subject area, setting, or particular number of ELs needing services in a class including designated subjects/career technical education classes. The exception previously listed in EC 44253.11 which allowed ‘teachers in training’ pursuing training to earn a CCSD to be considered appropriately assigned to serve ELs, while in this training, was removed from statute and no longer exists.

Important Date:

Provisions of SB 280 take effect on January 1, 2008.

Background:

Senate Bill 1292 (Chap. 752, Stats. 2006) added section 44253.11 to the Education Code to allow specific credential holders an alternative pathway to earn a CCSD to provide Specially Designed Academic Instruction delivered in English (SDAIE) to English learners.

Source:

Education Code §44253.11

References:

Commission’s Administrator’s Assignment Manual (*Manual will be updated separately with the provisions of this bill*): <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/manuals-handbooks/Administrator-Assignment-Manual.pdf>

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