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TO: School Districts and County Offices of Education
FROM: John F. Brown, Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Clarification of "Deemed to Hold" Provisions of the Children's Center Permit

The Children's Center Permit certifies teachers to work predominately with preschool children in child care and development programs. The regulations for this permit were revised in January, 1979.

On July 28, 1980, SB 863 (Sieroty), a comprehensive child care bill, was enacted into law. One section of this bill deals with the Children's Center Permit. Section 8360 specifies qualifications for persons holding basic teaching credentials, desiring to work in state-funded child care and development programs. Persons holding Multiple Subject credentials and working in such programs are required to have at least:

- a) 12 semester units of Early Childhood Education
- or
- b) Two years of experience with young children.

After July 28, 1980, such persons are then "deemed to hold" Children's Center Permits, and are, thus, authorized to teach in and/or supervise in state-funded child care and development programs.

There has been some confusion in the field regarding the meaning of the phrase "deemed to hold." This phrase means that a person holding a basic teaching credential for service in elementary school, and who meets the SB 863 requirements listed above (after July 28, 1980), automatically holds a Children's Center Permit. It is not necessary that such persons actually possess a Children's Center Permit.