

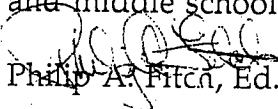
## COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

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TO: Persons interested in credentialing requirements for elementary and middle school teachers

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SUBJECT: Legislation enacted in 1989 which affects credentialing laws

Three measures were enacted and took effect in September which make changes in credentialing laws, primarily in requirements for teaching in elementary and middle schools. These measures are AB 953 (Killea), AB 2099 (Lempert), and SB 1368 (Watson). Following is a description of the changes made by these measures:

1. **AB 953 (Killea):** Amends Education Code Section 44225(e) by adding the following words (shown in underscored type):

[The commission shall:]

(e) Determine the scope and authorization of credentials, to ensure competence in teaching and other educational services, and establish sanctions for the misuse of credentials and the misassignment of credential holders. The commission may grant an added or supplementary authorization to a credential holder who has met the requirements and standards of the commission for the added or supplementary authorization. The commission shall exempt the holder of a teaching credential obtained prior to January 1, 1974, who adds an authorization by successfully completing a commission approved subject matter examination, from the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 44259 and Sections 44261, 44261.5, and 44261.7.

The effect of this change is to make it easier for persons holding Standard credentials [credentials issued between 1960 and 1973] to add a multiple or single subject authorization under Section 80499 of Title 5 by passing a Commission-approved examination, without having to complete "Ryan Act" requirements which were added to law after they received their Standard credential. The specific requirements which they no longer will be required to complete are Education Code (E.C.) § 44259(e)--methods of teaching reading; E.C. § 44261--health education; E.C. § 44261.5--nutrition; and E.C. § 44261.7--computer education. The special education (mainstreaming) requirement will also be waived.

2. AB 2099 (Lempert):

A. Amends Education Code Section 44256(b) as follows, deleting the requirement that certain authorizations be restricted to a partial assignment.

44256(b)...The governing board of a school district by resolution may authorize the holder of a multiple subject teaching credential or a standard elementary credential to teach any subject in departmentalized classes to a given class or group of students below grade 9, provided that the teacher has completed at least 12 semester units, or six upper division or graduate units, of coursework at an accredited institution in each subject to be taught. The authorization shall be with the teacher's consent ~~and shall be restricted to a partial assignment.~~

**NOTE:** This means that persons with Multiple Subject or Standard Elementary Teaching credentials may teach in departmentalized classes below grade nine for up to a full-time assignment, provided they meet the unit requirements and are authorized by board action; they are no longer restricted to a "partial assignment."

B. Amends Education Code Section 44258.7 by changing a date from 1987 to 1989, as follows:

44258.7. (a) the holder of a standard secondary credential who, prior to September 1, ~~1987~~, 1989, has taught successfully in a subject within the department of his or her academic major for a minimum of three years, as verified by the employing school district, may receive a supplementary authorization in that subject upon application, payment of a fee, which shall not exceed one-half of the regular credential fee, and evidence that one of the following has been accomplished:

(1) Successful completion, by September 1, 1989, of a minimum of 12 semester units, or six upper division or graduate units, of coursework at an accredited institution in the subject.

(2) The securing of a passing score on an examination in the subject approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

(3) Verification of competence in the subject matter by a subject area specialist not associated with the employing school district....

3. SB 1368 (Watson): A. Adds a new section 44258.15 to the Education Code, as follows:

44258.15. (a) Notwithstanding Section 44258.1, the holder of a credential authorizing instruction in a self-contained classroom may provide instruction in a team teaching setting or may regroup pupils across classrooms in subjects authorized by the governing board of the school district.

(b) Any holder of any credential based upon a baccalaureate degree and a professional preparation program approved by the commission may be assigned, with his or her consent, to teach, in a departmentalized setting in grades 8 and below, in any subject in which he or she has successfully completed 12 semester units or six upper division or graduate units from an accredited college or university. The assignment may be for a full or partial day.

(c) Any holder of a credential based upon a baccalaureate degree and a professional preparation program approved by the commission who has successfully taught any subject in a departmentalized setting in grades 8 and below prior to September 1, 1989, for at least three years, may be assigned, with his or her consent, to teach the subject on a full or partial day assignment if either of the following requirements are met:

(1) He or she has successfully completed 12 semester units or six upper division or graduate units from an accredited college or university in the subject.

(2) He or she has completed a systematic program of staff development related to the subject, as verified by the employing district.

(d) The authorizations to provide instruction prescribed in subdivisions (b) and (c) shall remain operative only until June 30, 1992, unless a statute which is enacted on or before June 30, 1992, deletes or extends that date.

This is an assignment option which does not require issuance of a credential.

B. Adds a new section 44257 to the Education Code, as follows:

44257. The Commission on Teacher Credentialing shall undertake a study of the extent to which existing statutes and regulations governing the assignment of certificated personnel in the elementary and middle school grades affect existing staffing patterns and serve to inhibit or discourage the use of innovative patterns for instruction. The study may include the participation of school districts and county offices of education. Any certificated employee employed by a school district or county office of education which participates in the study shall not be subject during that period to the sanctions for the misassignment of credential holders required under subdivision (g) of Section 44258.9. The commission shall submit a report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations on or before January 1, 1991.

This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1991, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted on or before January 1, 1991, deletes or extends that date.

All three bills contained urgency clauses and took effect upon being signed. AB 953 and AB 2099 became effective on September 12, 1989, while SB 1368 became effective on September 26, 1989. Questions may be addressed to Robert Salley, Administrator, at the Commission office, 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.