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Commission on Teacher Credentialing

**Re:** AB-1136 (Woodruff)--Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Requirement

Assembly Bill 1136 by Assemblyman Woodruff was signed by the Governor on August 2, 1991. The Act amends Sections 44260.3 and 44261 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing and becomes effective January 1, 1992.

Existing law requires that minimum requirements for all teaching credentials include satisfactory completion of a unit in health education, including, but not limited to, emphasis on the physiological and sociological effects of abuse of alcohol, narcotics, and drugs and of the use of tobacco. This requirement must also include information about nutrition.

The amended law requires that the unit in health education include; "training in, or verification of training in, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which meets the standards set by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross."

For Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) or the Local Education Agency (LEA) electing to offer the CPR training within the health unit, the training must be the equivalent of the American Heart Association B-level course, or the Community CPR course provided by the American Red Cross. The initial course must cover infants and child to adult CPR skills, plus rescue breathing and choke rescue, education risk factors, sudden cardiac arrest, and may include causes of respiratory arrest, healthy heart concept and emphasis on recognizing the symptoms of heart attack and taking action before CPR becomes necessary.

If the IHE or LEA chooses to require training verification through the American Heart Association and/or the American Red Cross, the evidence of completion must be current.

The candidate must have completed either the B-level course offered by the American Heart Association or the Community CPR course given by the American Red Cross.

Although the bill has an effective date of January 1, 1992, the Commission has elected to delay implementation of the CPR requirement until September 1, 1992. If an applicant for a professional clear Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential or a clear Designated Subjects Teaching Credential does not complete the professional preparation program and apply for the credential before September 1, 1992, he or she must complete CPR training within the health unit or provide verification of CPR training through the American Heart Association or American Red Cross.

Verification of completion of the requirement must be made by the IHE or LEA. Documentation of how the requirement was met must be submitted with the application.

Applicants applying directly to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the Professional Clear Multiple or Single Subject Credential must provide a copy of the CPR certification or an expanded course description which verifies that comprehensive CPR training as described above was included in the applicants health course.