Division VIII of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Proposed Amendments to Title 5 Regulations Pertaining to the Single Induction Experience for New Teachers

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) proposes to take the regulatory action described below after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action. A copy of the proposed regulations is attached with the added text underlined and the deleted text lined out.

A public hearing on the proposed actions will be held:

April 13, 2018 8:30 a.m. Commission on Teacher Credentialing 1900 Capitol Avenue Sacramento, California 95811

Written Comment Period

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments by fax, through the mail, or by email relevant to the proposed action. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. April 9, 2018. Comments must be received by that time or may be submitted at the public hearing. You may fax your response to (916) 322-0048; write to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, attn. David Crable, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California 95811; or submit an email to <u>dcrable@ctc.ca.gov</u>.

Any written comments received 15 days prior to the public hearing will be reproduced by the Commission's staff for each member of the Commission as a courtesy to the person submitting the comments and will be included in the written agenda prepared for and presented to the full Commission at the hearing.

Authority and Reference

Education Code section 44225 authorizes the Commission to adopt the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations implement, interpret, and make specific Education Code sections 44225(a)(1)(B), 44259, and 44259.5 pertaining to induction programs for beginning teachers.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations

This rulemaking action proposes amendments to sections 80048.8, 80048.8.1, and 80413 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) related to providing a single induction experience for new teachers as approved by the Commission at the December 2017 meeting and section 80523 to provide updates to sections of regulations related to these changes regarding how educators qualify for an extension of time to a credential.

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The proposed regulations also include a general cleanup and updating of regulations, including language related to NCLB requirements now outdated with the signing of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the removal of references to fifth year and clear credential programs which have now transitioned to teacher induction programs, and the addition of language that allows the use of a baccalaureate degree in professional education toward meeting the requirements for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, as provided in Education Code §44225(a)(1)(B).

General Provisions

In October 2016 the Commission, as part of strengthening and streamlining the accreditation process, adopted a <u>unitary set of program standards that governs induction for both general education and special education teachers</u>. In doing so, the Commission recognized that a high quality, job embedded mentoring program is the most effective means of delivering support and assistance to new teachers regardless of credential area.

When the Commission adopted the single set of Teacher Induction Program Standards, <u>PSA 17-01</u>: <u>Commission Adoption of Teacher Induction Preconditions and Program Standards</u> was distributed to advise that all Teacher Induction programs must submit a Transition Plan in implementing these standards by the specified dates as shown in the table below:

Type of Induction Program	Transition Plan Due	Must Transition to New Standards
General Education	June 30, 2016	September 1, 2017
Special Education	April 17, 2017	September 1, 2018

The Commission, through the adoption of the Teacher Induction standards, established the policy that an educator earning a teaching credential should only need to complete one induction experience. The proposed amendments to regulations would support the standards by creating a pathway for educators that does not currently exist. The proposed amendments would allow an educator who already holds a clear credential in one area, such as general education, to be granted a clear credential in a different credential area, such as special education, upon completion of the appropriate preliminary teacher preparation program without being required to undergo the extra time and any related expense to complete an additional induction experience for the new credential area.

The proposed amendments also include:

- 1) the cleanup of language related to NCLB requirements now outdated with the signing of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA),
- 2) removal of references to fifth year programs which have now sunset,
- 3) proposed relocation of subsections related to extensions for credentials to section 80523, and
- added language that allows the use of a baccalaureate degree in professional education toward meeting the requirements for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, as provided in Education Code §44225(a)(1)(B).

Objectives and Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations The objectives of the proposed regulation amendments are to: Proposed Amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to a Single Induction Experience for New Teachers – Rulemaking page 3

- provide added clarity to regulations by including a specific definition for the term induction program
- to implement the provision of a single type of induction program which will provide a pathway
 for educators that currently does not exist, allowing the holder of a clear general education
 credential who completes a preliminary education specialist program to apply directly for the
 clear Education Specialist Credential. This will prevent the educator in this situation from being
 required to undertake the extra time or expense of completing a separate induction program
 for the new credential type. This will also open the same option for educators holding the clear
 Education Specialist Credential to obtain a general education credential
- add to regulations the provision to use a baccalaureate degree in professional education to meet the requirements for Multiple Subject Teaching Credential candidates
- cleanup of outdated terms related to NCLB requirements outdated with the signing of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and references to fifth year programs no longer offered.

The Commission anticipates that the proposed amendments will benefit the welfare of students attending public schools in the State of California by assuring teachers will have completed the kind of comprehensive preparation and personal mentoring and support required to be more fully prepared to provide meaningful instruction to all students in California public schools. The proposed regulations will promote fairness and prevent discrimination by ensuring uniformity in the requirements individuals are held to in their teacher preparation. The Commission does not anticipate that the proposed regulations will result in the protection of public health and safety, worker safety, or the environment, the prevention of social inequity or an increase in openness and transparency in business and government.

Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

The Commission has determined that the proposed regulation amendments are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the Commission has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern meeting the subject matter requirement for credentials in California.

Documents Relied Upon in Preparing Regulations:

February 2016 Commission agenda item 3D:

December 2017 Commission agenda item 3D:

Teacher Induction Program Preconditions and Program Standards – October 2016

Disclosures Regarding the Proposed Actions

The Commission has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate to local agencies or school districts: None.

Other non-discretionary costs or savings imposed upon local agencies: None. Cost or savings to any state agency: None. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None. Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

These proposed regulations will not impose a cost on local agencies or school districts that must be reimbursed in accordance with Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of the Government Code.

Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Statement of the Results of the Economic Impact Assessment [Govt. Code § 11346.5(a)(10)]: The Commission concludes that it is (1) unlikely that the proposal will create any jobs within the State of California; 2) unlikely that the proposal will eliminate any jobs within the State of California; 3) unlikely that the proposal will create any new businesses with the State of California; 4) unlikely that the proposal will eliminate any existing businesses within the State of California; and 5) unlikely the proposal would cause the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

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Effect on small businesses: The proposed regulations will not have an effect on small business. The proposed regulations apply only to individuals already participating in teaching credential programs.

Consideration of Alternatives

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the agency or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the agency would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed actions, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The

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Commission invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period or at the public hearing.

Contact Person/Further Information

General or substantive inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to David Crable by telephone at (916) 323-5119 or write to David Crable, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811. General question inquiries may also be directed to Erin Skubal (back-up contact) at (916) 323-9596 or at the address mentioned above. Upon request, a copy of the express terms of the proposed action and a copy of the initial statement of reasons will be made available. This information is also available on the Commission's website at <u>www.ctc.ca.gov</u>. In addition, all the information on which this proposal is based is available for inspection and copying.

Availability of Statement of Reasons and Text of Proposed Regulations

The entire rulemaking file is available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at the Commission office at the above address. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice of Register, the rulemaking file consists of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the proposed text of regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and an economic impact assessment/analysis contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons. Copies may be obtained by contacting David Crable at the address or telephone number provided above.

Modification of Proposed Action

If the Commission proposes to modify the actions hereby proposed, the modifications (other than nonsubstantial or solely grammatical modifications) will be made available for public comment for at least 15 days before they are adopted.

Availability of Final Statement of Reasons

The Final Statement of Reasons is submitted to the Office of Administrative Law as part of the final rulemaking package, after the public hearing. Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting David Crable at (916) 323-5119.

Availability of Documents on the Internet

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations in underline and strikeout can be accessed through the Commission's website at <u>www.ctc.ca.gov.</u>