

# CREDENTIAL INFORMATION ALERT

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**SUBJECT:** Implementation of AB 1612 Related to Fingerprint Clearance

*AB1610 = Classified Employees*

On September 30, Governor Pete Wilson signed into law AB 1612 (Alby) related to the employment of certificated employees. The bill was an urgency measure, therefore, the provisions became effective with his signature.

AB 1612 and its companion bill, AB 1610 related to classified employees, were passed to affect school district *employment* practices, not the State's procedures for licensing public school educators. It is important that this distinction be clearly understood. The Commission will continue to conduct a thorough fitness review of all initial applicants and will require that two fingerprint cards be submitted with these applications--one each for the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Department of Justice has advised us that for the purpose of employing individuals on a Temporary County Certificate (TCC) districts may send a fingerprint card directly to DOJ. A TCC may be issued only after it has been determined that the applicant has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony (new Section 44332.6). Additionally, districts may submit a fingerprint card to the DOJ on those categories of currently employed certificated employees identified in new Section 44830.1 (temporary, substitute and probationary) who must be cleared for employment purposes.

In summary, for certification purposes two fingerprint cards with full processing fees will be required with each initial application submitted to the Commission for a credential, permit or waiver. A separate fingerprint card with processing fee may be sent to the Department of Justice for the purpose of employing an individual on a Temporary County Certificate or for meeting the requirements of §44830.1 on currently employed certificated individuals.

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