

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1232

Introduced by Assembly Member Chavez

February 23, 2001

An act to add Sections 44225.8 and 45023.5 to the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1232, as introduced, Chavez. Education: United States armed forces retired officers and retired noncommissioned officers: bonus.

Under existing law, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing is required to establish standards and procedures for the issuance and renewal of credentials. Under existing law, the commission is prohibited from issuing any credential, permit, certificate, or renewal of an emergency credential to any person to serve in the public schools unless the person has demonstrated proficiency in basic skills in certain areas as demonstrated by a passing score on the state basic skills proficiency test.

This bill would, notwithstanding those provisions, authorize the commission to approve a school district request for the assignment of an individual pursuant to specified provisions if that individual is a retired officer or retired noncommissioned officer of the armed forces of the United States who participates in certain programs offered by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and who agrees to teach for 5 years in a school district, and participates in a paraprofessional, preinternship, or internship program administered by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The bill would, subject to an appropriation for this purpose, require that an individual who is approved for a teaching assignment in

accordance with those provisions be eligible for a bonus payment of \$1,000 per year, for up to five years, and the school to which the individual is assigned would be required to receive a matching bonus of \$1,000 per year, for each year that the individual continues to teach at that school, for up to five years. The bill would allow an individual who teaches at a low-performing school, as defined, to receive a bonus payment of \$2,000 per year, and the school to which the individual is assigned would be required to receive a matching bonus of \$2,000 per year, for that period of time.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) This act shall be known, and may be cited
2 as, the California State Troops to Teachers Act.

3 (b) The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

4 (1) The federal government has a program called “Troops to
5 Teachers” that encourages military and defense workers to enter
6 the teaching profession.

7 (2) The “Troops to Teachers” program has proven to be highly
8 successful and has demonstrated that military personnel are
9 well-suited to enter the teaching profession.

10 (3) The federal government is no longer funding the “Troops
11 to Teachers” program due to the shortage of military persons
12 worldwide.

13 (4) There is an urgent need for qualified teachers in California.

14 (5) California is home to the largest military retiree and
15 veterans populations in the United States.

16 (c) We do hereby establish the California State Troops to
17 Teachers Act.

18 SEC. 2. Section 44225.8 is added to the Education Code, to
19 read:

20 44225.8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
21 commission may approve a school district request for the
22 assignment of an individual pursuant to subdivision (m) of Section
23 44225 or Section 44300 for individuals who meet all of the
24 following criteria:

25 (a) The individual is a retired officer or retired
26 noncommissioned officer of the armed forces of the United States.



1 (b) The individual agrees to teach for five years in a school
2 district, and participates in a paraprofessional, preinternship, or
3 internship program administered by the California Commission
4 on Teacher Credentialing.

5 SEC. 3. Section 45023.5 is added to the Education Code, to
6 read:

7 45023.5. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), an
8 individual who is approved for a teaching assignment in
9 accordance with Section 44225.8 shall be eligible to receive a
10 bonus payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year, for up
11 to five years, and the school to which the individual is assigned
12 shall be eligible to receive a matching bonus of one thousand
13 dollars (\$1,000) per year, for each year that the individual
14 continues to teach at the school, for up to five years.

15 (b) (1) Each individual who is approved for a teaching
16 assignment in accordance with Section 44225.8 and who teaches
17 at a low-performing school shall be eligible to receive a bonus
18 payment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year, for up to five
19 years, and the low-performing school to which the individual is
20 assigned shall be eligible to receive a bonus of one thousand
21 dollars (\$1,000) per year, for each year that the individual
22 continues to teach at the school, for up to five years.

23 (2) For purposes of this section, a low-performing school is a
24 school that performs in the bottom 25th percentile, based on the
25 Academic Performance Index developed pursuant to Section
26 52052.

27 (c) This section shall be implemented to the extent that funds
28 are appropriated for this purpose.

