

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2302

Introduced by Assembly Members Bass and Feuer

February 21, 2008

An act to amend Section 44265.1 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2302, as introduced, Bass. Teacher credentialing: specialist credential: pupils with autism.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, by December 1, 2007, to report to the Legislature and the Governor on the current existing process and requirements for obtaining a specialist credential in special education and recommend modifications to enhance and expedite those procedures.

This bill would authorize the holder of a level 1 education specialist credential who is authorized to provide instruction to individuals with mild and moderate disabilities to provide instruction to pupils with autism, as defined by a specified provision of the Code of Federal Regulations, until the commission adopts regulations to implement the recommended modifications regarding specialist credentials.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 44265.1 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

1 44265.1. (a) By December 1, 2007, the commission shall
2 report to the Legislature and the Governor on the current existing
3 process and requirements for obtaining a specialist credential in
4 special education and recommend modifications to enhance and
5 expedite these procedures.
6 (b) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the holder of*
7 *a level 1 education specialist credential who is authorized to*
8 *provide instruction to individuals with mild and moderate*
9 *disabilities may provide instruction to pupils with autism, as*
10 *defined by Section 300.8(c)(1)(i) of Title 34 of the Code of Federal*
11 *Regulations, until the commission adopts regulations to implement*
12 *the recommended modifications described in subdivision (a).*