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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2517

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino

February 21, 2008

An act to amend Section 44227 of the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2517, as amended, Portantino. Teacher credentialing.

Existing law establishes in state government the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and authorizes the commission to approve an institution of higher education to recommend to the commission the issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed a teacher education program of the institution. Existing law requires *an institution of higher education whose teacher education program has been accredited by the commission to approve and submit credential applications to the commission, and for the commission to grant credentials to applicants who have successfully completed a teacher education program in those institutions.*

This bill would authorize ~~an~~ *the commission to approve any institution, such as a including a school district, county office of education, or a community-based or nongovernmental organization, to submit a teacher education program to the commission for approval to recommend to the commission the issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed an educator preparation program, as specified.* The bill would ~~also authorize~~ *require a school district, county office of education, or community-based or nongovernmental organization whose educator preparation programs have been*

accredited by the commission, to approve and electronically submit credential applications to the commission, and for the commission to issue teaching credentials to candidates who have successfully completed an approved teacher education program offered by those institutions successful applicants based upon that approval.

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. Section 44227 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 44227. (a) The commission may approve ~~any~~ *an institution,*
4 *including an institution of higher education, school district, county*
5 *office of education, or community-based or nongovernmental*
6 *organization,* to recommend to the commission the issuance of
7 credentials to persons who have successfully completed ~~a teacher~~
8 ~~education~~ *an educator preparation* program of the institution if
9 the program meets the standards approved by the commission.

10 (b) An institution of higher education ~~whose teacher education,~~
11 *school district, county office of education, or community-based or*
12 *nongovernmental organization whose educator preparation*
13 program has been accredited by the commission shall approve and
14 electronically submit credential applications to the commission,
15 and the commission shall grant credentials to these applicants
16 based upon that approval.

17 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
18 commission may approve for credit any coursework completed
19 for credential purposes or for step increases in programs offered
20 in California by out-of-state institutions of higher education that
21 meet the requirements prescribed by Chapter 7 (commencing with
22 Section 94700) of Part 59 of Division 10 of Title 3 only if the
23 program of courses is offered by a regionally accredited institution
24 and evidence of satisfactory evaluation by that accrediting body
25 is submitted by the out-of-state institution to the commission for
26 purposes of seeking approval of the program and any courses
27 within that program to enable potential teachers to meet one or
28 more requirements for a teaching credential in California.

29 (d) ~~Any institution, including a school district, county office of~~
30 ~~education, or community-based or nongovernmental organization~~

1 ~~may submit a teacher education program to the commission for~~
2 ~~approval. The commission may grant credentials to applicants who~~
3 ~~have successfully completed an approved teacher education~~
4 ~~program offered by these institutions.~~

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