

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 5**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande**

November 23, 2009

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 5, as introduced, Nestande. Education: teacher credentialing.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to adopt standards for the issuance of teaching credentials to persons, as specified. The commission may approve any institution of higher education to recommend the issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed a teacher education program of the institution if the program meets the standards approved by the commission.

Existing law also requires an institution of higher education whose teacher education program has been accredited by the commission to approve and electronically submit credential applications to the commission, and the commission is required to grant credentials to these applicants based upon that approval.

This bill would authorize the commission to approve an institution, including an institution of higher education, school district, county office of education, or community-based or noneducational institution to recommend the issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed a teacher education program of the institution if the program meets the standards approved by the commission.

The bill would further require an institution, including an institution of higher education, school district, county office of education, or

community-based or noneducational institution whose educator preparation program has been accredited by the commission to approve and electronically submit credential applications to the commission, and would require the commission to grant credentials to these applicants based upon that approval.

The bill would authorize the commission to assess a fee on an institution seeking approval for an educator preparation program unless the institution is regulated by another state agency.

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 noneducational*  
6 *organization* to recommend to the commission the issuance of  
7 credentials to persons who have successfully completed a teacher  
8 education program of the institution if the program meets the  
9 standards approved by the commission.

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

17 (c) Notwithstanding any ~~provision of~~ law to the contrary, the  
18 commission may approve for credit ~~any~~ *the* 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 *former* Chapter 7  
22 (commencing with Section 94700) of Part 59 of *Division 10 of*  
23 *Title 3* only if the program of courses is offered by a regionally  
24 accredited institution and evidence of satisfactory evaluation by  
25 that accrediting body is submitted by the out-of-state institution  
26 to the commission for purposes of seeking approval of the program  
27 and any courses within that program to enable potential teachers

1 to meet one or more requirements for a teaching credential in  
2 California.  
3 *(d) The commission may assess a fee on an institution seeking*  
4 *approval for an educator preparation program in an amount that*  
5 *covers the costs of the commission to evaluate the application,*  
6 *except institutions regulated by another state agency.*

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