

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1209**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla**

February 22, 2013

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An act to amend Section 44300.1 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1209, as introduced, Bonilla. Teacher credentialing: visiting faculty permits.

Existing law authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue various types of teaching and services credentials. Existing law authorizes the commission to issue a visiting faculty permit until July 1, 2013, and to renew a visiting faculty permit until July 1, 2015, authorizing instruction in departmentalized classes to an individual who satisfies specified requirements. Under existing law, before issuing a visiting faculty permit, the commission is required to review and approve the justification for the permit submitted by the employing school district.

This bill would instead make these provisions relating to issuing or renewing a visiting faculty permit inoperative on July 1, 2018, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2019.

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 44300.1 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:

1 44300.1. (a) The commission may issue or renew a visiting  
2 faculty permit authorizing instruction in departmentalized classes  
3 to an individual who satisfies all of the following requirements:

4 (1) Has a minimum of three years of full-time teaching  
5 experience or the full-time equivalent of that experience at an  
6 accredited California community college, a campus of the  
7 California State University or the University of California, or a  
8 regionally accredited private, nonprofit postsecondary institution.  
9 The three years of teaching experience shall be within five years  
10 of the date of application for a visiting faculty permit.

11 (2) Possesses a master's degree or higher from a regionally  
12 accredited institution of postsecondary education in a subject area  
13 closely related, as determined by the commission, to the subject  
14 he or she proposes to teach.

15 (3) Submits evidence of two years of the most recent  
16 performance evaluations, student evaluations, or other evaluations  
17 that indicate teacher effectiveness while teaching in an accredited  
18 California community college, a campus of the California State  
19 University or the University of California, or a regionally  
20 accredited private, nonprofit postsecondary institution in which  
21 the applicant received ratings of satisfactory or higher based on  
22 criteria determined by the commission. An applicant for the  
23 renewal of a visiting faculty permit shall submit evidence of  
24 satisfactory or higher performance evaluations while serving on a  
25 current, valid visiting faculty permit.

26 (4) Satisfies the requirements for teacher fitness pursuant to  
27 Sections 44339 to 44341, inclusive.

28 (5) Completes, within the first year of serving on the visiting  
29 faculty permit, a three-semester unit course or a four-quarter unit  
30 course in methodology directly related to teaching in a  
31 departmentalized setting offered by a teacher preparation program  
32 that is accredited by the commission.

33 (b) To the extent that a school district chooses to employ an  
34 individual who possesses a visiting faculty permit, prior to issuing  
35 a visiting faculty permit, the commission shall review and approve  
36 the justification for the permit submitted by the employing school  
37 district. The justification shall include both of the following:

38 (1) Annual documentation that the school district has  
39 implemented a process for conducting a diligent search that  
40 includes, but is not limited to, distributing job announcements,

1 contacting college and university placement centers, advertising  
2 in local newspapers, and participating in job fairs in this state, but  
3 has been unable to recruit a sufficient number of certificated  
4 teachers to teach the subject matter that the visiting faculty member  
5 proposes to teach.

6 (2) A declaration of need for fully qualified certificated teachers  
7 based on the documentation set forth in paragraph (1) and made  
8 in the form of a motion adopted by the governing board of the  
9 school district or the county board of education at a regularly  
10 scheduled meeting of the governing board or county board. The  
11 motion shall not be part of the consent agenda and shall be entered  
12 in the minutes of the meeting.

13 (c) The commission may deny a request for a visiting faculty  
14 permit that does not include a justification as set forth in  
15 subdivision (b).

16 (d) A visiting faculty permit is valid for one year. The  
17 commission shall not renew the visiting faculty permit of an  
18 individual more than two times.

19 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission  
20 shall not issue a visiting faculty permit pursuant to this section on  
21 or after July 1, ~~2013~~ 2018.

22 (f) The commission shall incorporate data on visiting faculty  
23 permits into the report required pursuant to Section 44225.6. It is  
24 the intent of the Legislature that this data be used to determine if  
25 participation rates warrant extending the authority of the  
26 commission to issue visiting faculty permits.

27 (g) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, ~~2015~~ 2018,  
28 and, as of January 1, ~~2016~~ 2019, is repealed, unless a later enacted  
29 statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, ~~2016~~ 2019,  
30 deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and  
31 is repealed.