

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2016

Introduced by Assembly Member Campos

February 20, 2014

An act to add Section 44278 to the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2016, as introduced, Campos. Teachers: mandated child abuse reporting: training.

Existing law, the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, requires certain persons identified as “mandated reporters,” including teachers and various other school employees, to report suspected child abuse or child neglect, as specified, and provides that a failure to report as required is an offense. Existing law encourages employers to provide their employees who are mandated reporters with training in the duties imposed by the act, and further requires school districts that do not train their employees who are identified as mandated reporters to report to the State Department of Education the reasons why the training is not provided. Under existing law, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing is required to adopt standards and procedures for the issuance and renewal of teaching and services credentials.

This bill would require, on or after January 1, 2015, the holder of a teaching or services credential issued by the commission to complete an approved training program, as specified, by January 1, 2016, and every 2 years thereafter, in the duties imposed on mandated reporters, as specified. The bill would require the holder of the credential, as part of his or her application to renew his or her credential, to submit

verification to the commission that he or she has complied with the training requirement.

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 44278 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 44278. (a) On and after January 1, 2015, the holder of a
- 4 teaching or services credential issued by the commission shall
- 5 complete an approved training program by January 1, 2016, and
- 6 every two years thereafter, in the duties imposed on mandated
- 7 reporters pursuant to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
- 8 (Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11164) of Chapter 2 of
- 9 Title 1 of Part 4 of the Penal Code).
- 10 (b) The holder of a teaching or services credential, as part of
- 11 his or her application to renew his or her credential, shall submit
- 12 verification to the commission that he or she has complied with
- 13 the training requirements set forth in subdivision (a).
- 14 (c) For purposes of this section, an approved training program
- 15 may include, but is not limited to, mandated reporter training
- 16 offered online by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention or another
- 17 agency approved by the State Department of Social Services,
- 18 training conducted by a local educational agency, training offered
- 19 by a local educational agency, or any other training approved by
- 20 the commission.