

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2706

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilk

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 44274.2 of the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2706, as introduced, Wilk. Teachers: credentialing.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue a 5-year preliminary multiple subject teaching credential authorizing instruction in a self-contained classroom, a 5-year preliminary single subject teaching credential authorizing instruction in departmentalized classes, or a 5-year preliminary education specialist credential authorizing instruction of special education pupils to an out-of-state prepared teacher who meets specified requirements, including that the teacher possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions and other related provisions.

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 44274.2 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 44274.2. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter,
- 4 the commission shall issue a five-year preliminary multiple subject

1 teaching credential authorizing instruction in a self-contained
2 classroom, a five-year preliminary single subject teaching
3 credential authorizing instruction in departmentalized classes, or
4 a five-year preliminary education specialist credential authorizing
5 instruction of special education pupils to an out-of-state prepared
6 teacher who meets all of the following requirements:

7 (1) Possesses a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited
8 institution of higher education.

9 (2) Has completed a teacher preparation program at a regionally
10 accredited institution of higher education, or a state-approved
11 teacher preparation program offered by a local educational agency.

12 (3) Meets the subject matter knowledge requirements for the
13 credential. If the subject area listed on the out-of-state credential
14 does not correspond to a California subject area, as specified in
15 Sections 44257 and 44282, the commission may require the
16 applicant to meet California subject matter requirements before
17 issuing a clear credential.

18 (4) Has earned a valid corresponding elementary, secondary,
19 or special education teaching credential based ~~upon~~ *on* the
20 out-of-state teacher preparation program. For the education
21 specialist credential, the commission shall determine the area of
22 concentration based on the special education program completed
23 out of state.

24 (5) Has successfully completed a criminal background check
25 conducted under Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341 for
26 credentialing purposes.

27 (b) The holder of a credential issued pursuant to this section
28 shall meet the state basic skills proficiency requirement set forth
29 in Section 44252 within one year of the date the credential is issued
30 or the credential shall become invalid.

31 (c) The commission shall issue a clear multiple subject, single
32 subject, or education specialist teaching credential to an applicant
33 who satisfies the requirements of subdivision (a), provides
34 verification of two or more years of teaching experience, including,
35 but not limited to, two satisfactory performance evaluations, and
36 documents, in a manner prescribed by the commission, that he or
37 she fulfills each of the following requirements:

38 (1) The applicant has ~~completed~~ *done one of the following:*

39 (A) *Completed* 150 clock hours of activities that contribute to
40 his or her competence, performance, and effectiveness in the

1 education profession, and that assist the applicant in meeting or
2 exceeding standards for professional preparation established by
3 the commission, or the applicant has earned *commission*.

4 (B) *Earned* a master's degree or higher in a field related to the
5 credential, or the equivalent semester units, from a regionally
6 accredited institution of higher education.

7 (2) The applicant has met the state requirements for teaching
8 English learners including, but not limited to, the requirements in
9 Section 44253.3.

10 (d) For applicants who do not meet the experience requirement
11 described in subdivision (c), the commission shall issue a clear
12 multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching
13 credential upon verification of the following requirements:

14 (1) The commission has issued to the applicant a preliminary
15 five-year teaching credential pursuant to subdivision (a). However,
16 an out-of-state prepared applicant in both special education and
17 general education, who has earned a clear California education
18 specialist credential, shall be granted a clear multiple subject or
19 clear single subject teaching credential without first holding a
20 preliminary multiple subject or single subject teaching credential,
21 unless the commission determines that the applicant does not meet
22 the other requirements of this subdivision.

23 (2) The applicant has completed a beginning teacher induction
24 program pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section
25 44259.

26 (3) The applicant has met the requirements for teaching English
27 learners, including, but not limited to, the requirements in Section
28 44253.3.

29 (4) Before issuing an education specialist credential under this
30 subdivision, the commission shall verify completion of a program
31 for the Professional Level II credential accredited by the
32 commission.