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SENATE BILL

No. 916

Introduced by Senator Allen

(Coauthors: Senators Cannella, Fuller, Hertzberg, and Vidak)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Chu and Maienschein~~ *Chu, Cristina Garcia, Maienschein, and O'Donnell*)

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An act to amend Section 44257 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 916, as amended, Allen. Teacher credentialing.

Existing law authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue single subject teaching credentials only in specific subjects.

This bill would add dance and ~~theater~~ *theatre* to the list of authorized subjects.

Existing law authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to authorize a person who holds a certain teaching credential and who has completed 20 semester hours of coursework or 10 semester hours of upper division or graduate coursework approved by the commission at an accredited institution in any subject commonly taught in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, other than the subject for which he or she is already certificated to teach, to have this subject appear on the credential as an authorization to teach this subject.

This bill would provide that a person issued a single subject teaching credential in physical education or English before the establishment of a single subject teaching credential in dance or ~~theater~~, *theatre*, respectively, is authorized to teach in dance or ~~theater~~, *theatre*,

respectively. The bill would also provide that a person pursuing a single subject teaching credential in physical education or English before the establishment of a single subject teaching credential in dance or ~~theater~~ *theatre* shall not become subject to additional requirements for the single subject teaching credential in physical education or English, respectively, as a result of the authorization provided by this bill.

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 44257 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 44257. (a) The commission shall issue single subject teaching
4 credentials only in the following subjects:
5 (1) Agriculture.
6 (2) Art.
7 (3) Business.
8 (4) Dance.
9 (5) English.
10 (6) Foreign Language.
11 (7) Health Science.
12 (8) Home Economics.
13 (9) Industrial and Technology Education.
14 (10) Mathematics.
15 (11) Music.
16 (12) Physical Education.
17 (13) Science.
18 (14) Social Science.
19 ~~(15) Theater.~~
20 (15) *Theatre*.
21 (b) The commission shall issue the single subject teaching
22 credential in foreign language with an authorization to teach
23 Chinese, French, German, Russian, Spanish, or any other language
24 that the commission determines is appropriate.
25 (c) Subjects that are commonly taught in departmentalized
26 classes in California public schools shall be subsumed under the
27 credential categories in subdivision (a).
28 (d) The commission shall issue single subject teaching
29 credentials in the categories that were identified in Section 44282

1 as of December 31, 1993, to applicants who were in the process
2 of preparing to earn those credentials before the effective date of
3 the commission's implementation of subdivision (a).

4 (e) (1) A person issued a single subject teaching credential in
5 English before the establishment of a single subject teaching
6 credential in ~~theater~~ *theatre* is authorized to teach ~~theater~~ *theatre*.

7 A person pursuing a single subject teaching credential in English
8 before the establishment of a single subject teaching credential in
9 ~~theater~~ *theatre* shall not become subject to additional requirements
10 for the single subject teaching credential in English as a result of
11 the authorization provided by this paragraph.

12 (2) A person issued a single subject teaching credential in
13 physical education before the establishment of a single subject
14 teaching credential in dance is authorized to teach dance. A person
15 pursuing a single subject teaching credential in physical education
16 before the establishment of a single subject teaching credential in
17 dance shall not become subject to additional requirements for the
18 single subject teaching credential in physical education as a result
19 of the authorization provided by this paragraph.

20 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a school
21 district from employing a person who holds a single subject
22 teaching credential in another subject with an authorization to
23 teach ~~theater~~ *theatre* from teaching ~~theater~~ *theatre*, or a person
24 who holds a single subject teaching credential in another subject
25 with an authorization to teach dance from teaching dance.

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