

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 16, 1998

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2748

Introduced by Assembly Member Mazzoni

February 23, 1998

~~An act to amend Section 44579.3 of, to add Section 44259.3 to, and to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 54670) to Chapter 9 of Part 29 of, the Education Code, relating to early primary education.~~ *An act to add Section 44283.2 to the Education Code, relating to teaching credentials.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2748, as amended, Mazzoni. ~~Early primary education~~ *Teaching credentials.*

(1) Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to establish professional standards, assessments, and examinations for entry and advancement in the education profession and to establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits.

Existing law authorizes the commission to issue credentials for teaching specialties, including special education, to applicants meeting certain standards. Existing law requires the commission to develop a reading instruction competency test to measure reading instruction capability.

This bill would require an applicant for a specialist teaching credential in special education to demonstrate passage of the reading competency test. ~~Existing law sets forth the minimum~~

~~requirements for the preliminary and professional multiple and single subject teaching credential.~~

~~This bill would require the commission to review the minimum requirements for the preliminary and professional multiple and single subject teaching credential and to recommend their revision as necessary, during the normal revision cycles, to ensure that kindergarten and first grade teachers have knowledge of age-appropriate teaching methods for children between the ages of 4 to 6, inclusive, who may be of the same grade level but of vastly different developmental levels.~~

~~(2) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop regulations with regard to the Staff Development Buy-out Program, a program under which grants are awarded to school districts that offer staff development on days that are not counted as instructional time or days. Existing law requires these regulations to include designation of the core curricular areas in which staff development will be provided.~~

~~This bill would require these regulations to include the requirement that every teacher, administrator, and any other recipient of staff development be provided with training concerning age-appropriate teaching methods for children between the ages of 4 to 6, inclusive, who may be of the same grade level but of vastly different developmental levels.~~

~~(3) Existing law establishes programs, including the Early Primary Program and the Early Intervention for School Success Program, focused on the transition from preschool to kindergarten and preparing primary school pupils for success in a school setting.~~

~~This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish and administer a program whereby 10 county offices of education would apply to receive grants of \$25,000 in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, subject to funds being appropriated for that purpose, to help pupils transition from preschool to kindergarten.~~

~~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 44259.3 is added to the~~
2 ~~SECTION 1. Section 44283.2 is added to the~~
3 ~~Education Code, to read:~~

4 ~~44283.2. Commencing on January 1, 2000, prior to the~~
5 ~~initial issuance of a specialist teaching credential in~~
6 ~~special education pursuant to Section 44265, an applicant~~
7 ~~for the credential shall be required to demonstrate that~~
8 ~~he or she passed the reading instruction competence~~
9 ~~assessment developed pursuant to Section 44283.~~

10 ~~Education Code, to read:~~

11 ~~44259.3. The commission shall review the minimum~~
12 ~~requirements set forth in Section 44259 for the~~
13 ~~preliminary and professional multiple and single subject~~
14 ~~teaching credential and shall recommend their revision~~
15 ~~as necessary, during the normal revision cycles, to ensure~~
16 ~~that kindergarten and first grade teachers have~~
17 ~~knowledge of age-appropriate teaching methods for~~
18 ~~children between the ages of 4 to 6, inclusive, who may~~
19 ~~be of the same grade level but of vastly different~~
20 ~~developmental levels.~~

21 ~~SEC. 2. Section 44579.3 of the Education Code is~~
22 ~~amended to read:~~

23 ~~44579.3. (a) The Superintendent of Public~~
24 ~~Instruction shall develop rules and regulations for the~~
25 ~~purposes of this article, and those rules and regulations~~
26 ~~shall include, but not necessarily be limited to,~~
27 ~~designation of the core curricular areas in which staff~~
28 ~~development will be provided and the method by which~~
29 ~~a school district may apply for funds pursuant to this~~
30 ~~article.~~

31 ~~(b) The rules and regulations developed pursuant to~~
32 ~~subdivision (a) shall include the requirement that every~~
33 ~~teacher, administrator, and any other recipient of staff~~
34 ~~development be provided with training concerning~~
35 ~~age-appropriate teaching methods for children between~~
36 ~~the ages of 4 to 6, inclusive, who may be of the same grade~~
37 ~~level but of vastly different developmental levels.~~



1 ~~SEC. 3. Article 4 (commencing with Section 54670) is~~
2 ~~added to Chapter 9 of Part 29 of the Education Code, to~~
3 ~~read:~~

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~~Article 4. Early Primary Education Transition Grant
Program~~

8 ~~54670. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall~~
9 ~~establish and administer the Early Primary Education~~
10 ~~Transition Grant Program, the purpose of which shall be~~
11 ~~the support of new and existing efforts by county offices~~
12 ~~of education to help pupils transition from preschool to~~
13 ~~kindergarten.~~

14 ~~54671. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall~~
15 ~~award twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to 10~~
16 ~~county offices of education in the 1999-2000 fiscal year,~~
17 ~~subject to funds being appropriated for that purpose, for~~
18 ~~purposes of the program established pursuant to~~
19 ~~subdivision (a). A recipient county office of education~~
20 ~~may be, but is not required to, use the award for staff~~
21 ~~training, training materials, or conducting research~~
22 ~~regarding transition practices.~~

23 ~~54672. Application for the program established~~
24 ~~pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be made on forms and in~~
25 ~~a manner prescribed by the Superintendent of Public~~
26 ~~Instruction. To receive funding, an applicant is required~~
27 ~~to do the following:~~

28 ~~(a) Demonstrate its ability to contribute to the~~
29 ~~program money, goods, or services, of a value equal to the~~
30 ~~award amount.~~

31 ~~(b) Develop a project proposal to help pupils~~
32 ~~transition from preschool to kindergarten that could~~
33 ~~continue after the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The proposal shall~~
34 ~~include strategies to involve teachers, administrators,~~
35 ~~community members, and school district governing~~
36 ~~boards.~~

37 ~~SEC. 4. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding~~
38 ~~for the program established pursuant to Article 4~~
39 ~~(commencing with Section 54670) of Chapter 9 of Part 29~~



~~1 of the Education Code will be made through annual~~
~~2 Budget Act appropriations.~~

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