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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 6**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon**

December 7, 1998

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An act to add Article 12.5 (commencing with Section 44394) to Chapter 2 of Part 25 of the Education Code, relating to teachers, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 6, as amended, Calderon. Teachers: California Teacher Academy Program.

Existing law establishes the California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program for the purpose of recruiting paraprofessionals to participate in a program designed to encourage them to enroll in teacher training programs. Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to establish and operate a resource center that collects and maintains information regarding programs that encourage or assist military personnel, upon retirement, to enter the teaching profession. Existing law establishes the California Center on Teaching Careers for the purpose of recruiting qualified and capable individuals into the teaching profession.

This bill would establish the California Teacher Academy Program, to be administered by the ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction~~ *Commission on Teacher Credentialing*, under which a school district may ~~apply~~ *be invited to submit a proposal* for funds, *if available*, for the purpose of *establishment of a locally administered teacher academy program*.

*This bill would appropriate \$4,000,000 to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the 1999–2000 fiscal year for these purposes, and would declare appropriations for these purposes to be General Fund revenues appropriated to school districts for the purposes of Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, and to be within the total allocations to school districts and community colleges from the General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution. collaborating with one or more community colleges, California State University campuses, or University of California campuses to develop integrated academic programs that provide public secondary school pupils with clear information about academic requirements, and continuous exposure to coursework and experience, relevant to the teaching profession.*

~~The bill would require that the Superintendent of Public Instruction only fund those proposals from school districts that conform to specified criteria, including that the curriculum proposed include integrated academic coursework providing continuous exposure to teaching.~~

~~The bill would provide that, to the extent that funds are appropriated in the Budget Act for the California Teacher Academy Program, a school district selected to participate in the program would receive an award in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.~~

~~The bill would, subject to the availability of funding in the Budget Act, require the Legislative Analyst to contract for an evaluation of this program and to report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2004. The bill would require the evaluation to determine whether the program substantially increased the number of persons who enter teacher training programs at the California State University and University of California.~~



Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 ~~SECTION 1.—The Legislature finds and declares as~~  
2 *SECTION 1. Article 12.5 (commencing with Section*  
3 *44394) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 25 of the Education*  
4 *Code, to read:*

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6 *Article 12.5. California Teacher Academy Program*

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8 *44394. (a) The California Teacher Academy*  
9 *Program is hereby established, to be administered by the*  
10 *Commission on Teacher Credentialing in collaboration*  
11 *with the California Postsecondary Education*  
12 *Commission. The purposes of the program shall be all of*  
13 *the following:*

14 *(1) To enable increased numbers of high school pupils*  
15 *to get a head start in preparing to serve as certificated*  
16 *teachers by completing community college courses and*  
17 *field experiences that are in alignment with California's*  
18 *standards for teaching credentials, as determined by the*  
19 *commission pursuant to Section 44311.*

20 *(2) To enable increased numbers of high school pupils*  
21 *and community college students to earn credit toward*  
22 *teaching credentials by completing coursework and*  
23 *fieldwork that are articulated with four-year institutions*  
24 *that offer accredited programs of teacher preparation.*

25 *(3) To improve the academic achievement of*  
26 *elementary and secondary school pupils by preparing*  
27 *successive cohorts of new teachers whose curriculum of*  
28 *coursework and fieldwork are congruent with the*  
29 *Student Content and Performance Standards that are*  
30 *adopted pursuant to Section 60605.*

31 *(b) In collaboration with the California Postsecondary*  
32 *Education Commission, the Commission on Teacher*  
33 *Credentialing shall issue an invitation for proposals from*  
34 *school districts that offer any or all of the grades from 7*  
35 *to 12, inclusive, and that would like to earn state grants for*



1 *the purpose of offering a California Teacher Academy*  
2 *Program that is locally designed and locally administered*  
3 *by the school district. The priorities to be established in*  
4 *the invitation shall include, but need not be limited to, the*  
5 *purposes and priorities set forth in this section.*

6 *(c) In collaboration with the California Postsecondary*  
7 *Education Commission, the Commission on Teacher*  
8 *Credentialing shall select for funding the proposals that*  
9 *offer the greatest promise of providing early*  
10 *opportunities for high school pupils and community*  
11 *college students to pursue teaching careers by*  
12 *completing coursework and fieldwork that are*  
13 *articulated with teaching credential standards pursuant*  
14 *to Section 44311. The commission shall also give priority*  
15 *to programs designed to address areas of high need and*  
16 *teacher shortage.*

17 *(d) To be eligible for a grant, a proposal submitted by*  
18 *an eligible school district shall include, but need not be*  
19 *limited to, all of the following elements:*

20 *(1) A partnership agreement between the sponsoring*  
21 *school district and one or more community colleges in*  
22 *California.*

23 *(2) A partnership agreement between the sponsoring*  
24 *school district and one or more four-year institutions that*  
25 *offer accredited programs of teacher preparation.*

26 *(3) Evidence of local commitment to the program, in*  
27 *the form of fiscal and other contributions to the program*  
28 *by all of its proposed sponsors and cosponsors.*

29 *(e) The commission may make grant funds available*  
30 *to support any or all of the following costs:*

31 *(1) The costs of designing courses and field*  
32 *experiences that are aligned and congruent with the*  
33 *relevant teaching credential standards.*

34 *(2) The costs of reaching new articulation agreements*  
35 *and transfer compacts with community colleges and*  
36 *four-year institutions that offer accredited teacher*  
37 *preparation programs. To meet these costs, the school*  
38 *district that receives a grant may transfer a portion of the*  
39 *grant funds to the community college, or the four-year*  
40 *institution, or both, to pay the institutional costs of*



1 *developing a collaborative agreement with the school*  
2 *district.*

3 *(3) If approved by the commission, grant funds may*  
4 *also pay some or all of the fees that would normally be*  
5 *charged to students in the California Teacher Academy*  
6 *Program.*

7 *(f) Prior to the award of a California Teacher*  
8 *Academy Program grant, the Commission on Teacher*  
9 *Credentialing shall determine that the proposed*  
10 *curriculum of coursework and fieldwork will be*  
11 *articulated, aligned, and congruent with the relevant*  
12 *California standards for teaching credentials pursuant to*  
13 *Section 44311.*

14 *(g) Within 90 working days following receipt of a*  
15 *California Teacher Academy Program grant, a school*  
16 *district shall appoint a regional advisory committee for*  
17 *the program. The duties of the committee shall include,*  
18 *but need not be limited to, providing advice regarding*  
19 *the design of the program and the recruitment and*  
20 *selection of participants in the program. The committee*  
21 *shall include, but need not be limited to, the following*  
22 *members:*

23 *(1) At least one elementary and secondary school*  
24 *classroom teacher who has been recommended to the*  
25 *school district by the State Superintendent of Public*  
26 *Instruction.*

27 *(2) At least one school district administrator who has*  
28 *been recommended to the school district by the*  
29 *Secretary of Education.*

30 *(3) At least one school district governing board*  
31 *member who has been recommended to the school*  
32 *district by the Senate Committee on Rules.*

33 *(4) At least one parent of an elementary or secondary*  
34 *school pupil who has been recommended to the school*  
35 *district by the Speaker of the Assembly.*

36 *(h) If funds are available for this purpose, a grant of*  
37 *funds by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing in*  
38 *the California Teacher Academy Program shall normally*  
39 *have a term of four years, for the purpose of enabling two*  
40 *cohorts of community college participants to transfer to*



1 four-year institutions where articulation agreements are  
2 in place.

3 44396. (a) The sum of four million dollars  
4 (\$4,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General  
5 Fund to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for  
6 the California Teacher Academy Program during the  
7 1999-2000 fiscal year.

8 (b) In each fiscal year, no more than 3 percent of funds  
9 appropriated for the purposes of this article may be  
10 allocated for state administration of the program by the  
11 Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

12 (c) For the purpose of making the computations  
13 required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California  
14 Constitution, the appropriation made pursuant to this  
15 section shall be deemed to be "General Fund revenues  
16 appropriated to school districts" as defined in subdivision  
17 (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code for the  
18 1999-2000 fiscal year and included within the "total  
19 allocations to school districts and community college  
20 districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes  
21 appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B," of the  
22 California Constitution as defined in subdivision (e) of  
23 Section 41202 of the Education Code for the 1999-2000  
24 fiscal year.

25 follows:

26 ~~(a) The state faces a tremendous and growing~~  
27 ~~shortage of experienced, fully-credentialed teachers. In~~  
28 ~~the 1996-97 school year, approximately 11 percent of~~  
29 ~~certificated staff in California's schools were employed on~~  
30 ~~the basis of an emergency permit or credential waiver,~~  
31 ~~and more than 13,000 multiple subject emergency~~  
32 ~~permits were issued.~~

33 ~~(b) Without substantial additional state investment,~~  
34 ~~future shortages of credentialed teachers will be even~~  
35 ~~worse than the present shortage. In the next decade,~~  
36 ~~California will need between 250,000 and 300,000 new~~  
37 ~~teachers, more than exist in the current teaching force.~~

38 ~~(c) Failure to improve and expand existing efforts to~~  
39 ~~attract talented individuals to the teaching profession and~~  
40 ~~to ensure that teachers have the training to help our~~



1 children excel in reading, math, and science will have  
2 devastating effects on the quality of education in  
3 California.

4 (d) High school pupils interested in the teaching  
5 profession must be offered clear academic pathways to  
6 becoming fully credentialed teachers.

7 (e) Teacher academies designed to include  
8 collaboration by local high schools, community colleges,  
9 and universities represent an effective way to create  
10 easier entry into the teaching profession.

11 (f) If the demand for teachers is to be met in the next  
12 decade, recruitment efforts should increasingly focus on  
13 encouraging high school pupils to choose teaching as a  
14 career.

15 SEC. 2. Article 12.5 (commencing with Section  
16 44394) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 25 of the Education  
17 Code, to read:

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19 Article 12.5. California Teacher Academy Program

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21 44394. The California Teacher Academy Program is  
22 hereby established. This program shall be administered  
23 by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Under this  
24 program a school district may apply for funds for the  
25 purpose of collaborating with one or more community  
26 colleges, California State University campuses, or  
27 University of California campuses to develop integrated  
28 academic programs that provide public secondary school  
29 pupils with clear information about academic  
30 requirements, and continuous exposure to coursework  
31 and experience, relevant to the teaching profession.

32 44394.1. (a) The Superintendent of Public  
33 Instruction shall only fund those proposals, for inclusion  
34 in the California Teacher Academy Program, that are  
35 submitted by a school district and that conform to all of  
36 the following criteria:

37 (1) The proposal provides for joint planning and  
38 implementation between the school district and one or  
39 more community colleges, California State University



1 campuses, or University of California campuses to  
2 develop aligned curriculums for prospective teachers.

3 (2) The curriculum that is proposed includes  
4 integrated academic coursework that provides for  
5 continuous exposure to teaching coursework or teaching  
6 experience during each academic year from secondary  
7 pupils' final academic year through each academic year  
8 required at the university to complete the requirements  
9 necessary to achieve a full teaching credential.

10 (3) Opportunities are provided for high-performance  
11 high school pupils to take community college or  
12 university level coursework for credit toward a full  
13 teaching credential.

14 (4) Continuous participation is required of  
15 community college and university staff. This  
16 participation shall include serving as co-teachers of the  
17 integrated coursework and serving as a career planning  
18 resource for public secondary school pupils who  
19 participate in the academy program.

20 (b) The development of teacher academies shall occur  
21 in coordination with other school district programs to  
22 encourage public secondary pupils to enter the teaching  
23 profession.

24 44394.2. To the extent that funds are appropriated in  
25 the annual Budget Act for the California Teacher  
26 Academy Program, a school district selected to  
27 participate in the program shall receive an award in the  
28 amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_).

29 44394.3. Subject to the availability of funding in the  
30 Budget Act, the Legislative Analyst shall contract for an  
31 evaluation of this program and shall report to the  
32 Legislature no later than January 1, 2004. The evaluation  
33 shall determine whether the California Teacher  
34 Academy Program has substantially increased the  
35 number of persons who enter teacher training programs  
36 at the California State University and the University of  
37 California.

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