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SENATE BILL

No. 151

Introduced by Senator Haynes

January 6, 1999

An act to add Section 44259.5 to the Education Code, regarding teaching credentials.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 151, as amended, Haynes. Teaching credentials.

Under existing law, the minimum requirements for the professional clear multiple or single subject teaching credential includes possession of a valid preliminary teaching credential, possession of a valid equivalent credential or certificate, or completion of equivalent requirements as determined by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

This bill would provide that a candidate for a clear single subject credential may also satisfy the minimum requirements for that credential by passing the California Basic Education Skills Test, ~~and fulfilling any of the following:~~ (1) possessing a graduate degree *in the subject to be authorized by the credential* from an accredited institution of higher education, *having some pedagogical training, and fulfilling any of the following:* (2) (1) holding a full-service, valid-for-life California Community College teaching credential in the subject to be authorized by the credential and teaching the subject to be authorized by the credential in

an accredited institution of higher education for the preceding 10 years, ~~(3)~~ (2) teaching the subject or subjects in a four-year institution of higher education *on a full-time equivalent basis* for the preceding 10 years, or ~~(4)~~ (3) possessing 5 years or more experience as a full-time substitute teacher or as a regular teacher and demonstrating knowledge and proficiency in the subject matter to be authorized by the credential, or ~~possessing a graduate degree from an accredited institution and~~ (4) having at least 10 years of professional or vocational experience in the subject to be authorized by the credential. The bill would provide that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing may test the subject matter knowledge and proficiency of these candidates.

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 44259.5 is added to the
2 Education Code, to read:

3 44259.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to
4 encourage contributions to the teaching profession from
5 those who are experienced in their respective fields.

6 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 44259,
7 a candidate for a clear professional single subject
8 credential may satisfy the minimum requirements for
9 that credential by passing the California Basic Education
10 Skills Test, possessing a graduate degree *in the subject to*
11 *be authorized by the credential* from an accredited
12 institution *of higher education, having some pedagogical*
13 *training*, and fulfilling any of the following conditions:

14 (1) The candidate holds a full-service, valid-for-life
15 California Community College teaching credential in the
16 subject to be authorized by the credential and has taught
17 *on a full-time equivalent basis* the subject to be
18 authorized by the credential in an accredited institution
19 of higher education for the preceding 10 years.

20 (2) The candidate has taught *on a full-time equivalent*
21 *basis* the subject or subjects to be authorized by the



1 credential in an accredited four-year institution of higher
2 education for the preceding 10 years.

3 (3) The candidate has five years or more experience as
4 a substitute full-time ~~substitute~~ teacher or as a regular
5 *full-time* teacher *in grades kindergarten and grades 1 to*
6 *12, inclusive, in California* and has demonstrated
7 knowledge and proficiency in the subject matter to be
8 authorized by the credential.

9 (4) The candidate ~~possesses a graduate degree from an~~
10 ~~accredited institution and~~ has at least 10 years of
11 professional or vocational experience in the subject to be
12 authorized by the credential.

13 (c) The Commission on Teacher Credentialing may
14 test the subject matter knowledge and proficiency of a
15 candidate for a clear professional single subject credential
16 who seeks to satisfy the minimum requirements for a
17 credential by fulfilling a condition set forth in subdivision
18 (b).

