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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~~ *include* 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. *Existing law also sets forth minimum requirements for the designated subjects preliminary adult education teaching credential and a 5-year renewal of that credential.*

This bill would provide, *notwithstanding the minimum requirements set forth in existing law*, 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, possessing a graduate degree in

the subject to be authorized by the credential from an accredited institution of higher education, having—~~some~~ *certain* pedagogical training, and fulfilling any of the following: (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, (2) teaching the subject or subjects in a ~~four-year~~ *4-year* institution of higher education on a full-time equivalent basis for the preceding 10 years, or (3) possessing 5 years or more experience as a ~~full-time~~ *long-term* substitute teacher or as a regular *full-time* teacher *in an accredited school in California* and demonstrating knowledge and proficiency in the subject matter to be authorized by the credential, or (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 *or Section 44260.2 or 44260.3*, a candidate for a ~~clear~~
 8 ~~professional~~ *professional clear* single subject credential
 9 may satisfy the minimum requirements for that
 10 credential by ~~passing~~ *fulfilling any of the conditions set*
 11 *forth in subdivision (c) and doing all of the following:*
 12 (1) *Passing* the California Basic Education Skills Test,
 13 ~~possessing~~.
 14 (2) *Possessing* a graduate degree in the subject to be
 15 authorized by the credential from an accredited



1 institution of higher education, ~~having some pedagogical~~
2 ~~training, and fulfilling any of the following conditions:~~

3 (3) *Having pedagogical training that is approved by*
4 *the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which*
5 *includes the preparation described in paragraphs (4),*
6 *(6), and (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259 and*
7 *paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 44259, that the*
8 *commission determines is specific to the single subject*
9 *credential being sought.*

10 (c) *In addition to fulfilling the requirements set forth*
11 *in subdivision (b), a candidate for a professional clear*
12 *single subject credential pursuant to this section shall*
13 *fulfill at least one of the following:*

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

24 (3) The candidate has five years or more experience as
25 a ~~substitute full-time~~ *long-term substitute* teacher or as a
26 regular full-time teacher in ~~grades~~ kindergarten and
27 grades 1 to 12, inclusive, in a *state or regionally accredited*
28 *public or private school in California* and has
29 demonstrated knowledge and proficiency in the subject
30 matter to be authorized by the credential.

31 (4) The candidate has at least 10 years of professional
32 or vocational experience in the subject to be authorized
33 by the credential.

34 ~~(e)~~

35 (d) The Commission on Teacher Credentialing may
36 test the subject matter knowledge and proficiency of a
37 candidate for a clear professional single subject credential
38 who seeks to satisfy the minimum requirements for a



- 1 credential by fulfilling a condition set forth in subdivision
- 2 (b).

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