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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1197**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Firebaugh  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Honda, Kuehl, and  
Romero)**

(Coauthor: Senator Vasconcellos)

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An act to ~~amend Section 89706 of, and to add Section 76140.1 to, the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.~~ *add and repeal Article 14 (commencing with Section 44410) to Chapter 2 of Part 25 of the Education Code, relating to teacher training.*

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1197, as amended, Firebaugh. ~~Public—postsecondary education:—residency—~~Teacher training: California Teacher Training Grant Program.

*Under existing law, there are various programs designed to promote teacher training, including, the Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program, the Alternative Certification, Program, the California Center for Teaching Careers, the Assumption Program of Loans for Educators, the Cal T Grant Program for teacher candidates, and the California Mathematics Initiative.*

*This bill would enact the California Teacher Training Grant program for the purpose of assisting the state in meeting the demand for fully-credentialed teachers who specialize in teaching pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, of limited English proficiency by providing financial assistance to local school districts for the purpose of promoting teacher training to serve pupils of limited English proficiency. The State Department of Education would be required to administer the program, which would award a block grant to school districts that meet certain conditions. The bill would require school districts who wish to receive a block grant to apply to the department on or before February 1, 2000, and would require the State Department of Education to make determinations regarding which school districts will receive a block grant by June 1, 2000. Each school district that receives a block grant would be authorized to award up to 500 grants, each in the amount of \$2,500, from the block grant received from the department, along with a matching grant of \$2,500 provided by school district funds, for a total amount of \$5,000 for each eligible grant recipient.*

*The bill would prescribe the conditions for grant eligibility under the program, and would require a grant recipient to enter into a contract with the awarding school district, wherein the recipient agrees to meet certain conditions, including, among others, that an applicant must agree to pursue a course of study leading to a full teaching credential. The bill would require school districts that receive a block grant for this purpose to collect data and report on various aspects of the program, including, among others, the overall*



*performance of grant recipients. The provisions of the bill would remain in effect until January 1, 2003.*

*The bill would provide that certain funds appropriated to the State Department of Education in the Budget Act of 1999 may be allocated by the department for purposes of the bill.*

~~Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state. Existing law authorizes community college districts to admit, and charge a tuition fee for, nonresident students in accordance with specified criteria.~~

~~Existing law establishes the California State University and authorizes the operation of its various campuses under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University. Existing law authorizes the trustees, on the basis of demonstrated financial need and scholastic achievement, to waive entirely, or reduce below the minimum rate, the tuition fee of a nonresident student, as defined.~~

~~Existing law prescribes residency requirements for students at public institutions of postsecondary education, including, among others, the campuses of the California Community Colleges and the California State University. With respect to alien students, existing law specifies that an alien, including an unmarried minor alien, may establish his or her residence unless precluded by the federal Immigration and Nationality Act from establishing domicile in the United States.~~

~~This bill would require that a person, including an alien precluded from establishing California residency because of federal law, who has attended high school in California for 3 or more years, who has graduated from a California high school, who continues his or her education at a California institution of higher education within one year of high school graduation or on or before January 1, 2001, and who, if he or she is an alien precluded from establishing California residency because of federal law, presents documentation that he or she has initiated a petition or application for lawful~~



~~immigration status, or that a petition or application has been initiated on his or her behalf, be exempted, under specified circumstances, from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges or the California State University. The bill would request the Regents of the University of California to also exempt these persons from paying nonresident tuition. The bill would also make various technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provisions relating to residency with respect to attendance at campuses of the California Community Colleges and the California State University.~~

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 76140.1 is added to the~~  
 2 *SECTION 1. Article 14 (commencing with Section*  
 3 *44410) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 25 of the Education*  
 4 *Code, to read:*

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 6 *Article 14. California Teacher Training Grant*  
 7 *Program*  
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9 *44410. The Legislature finds and declares that:*

- 10 *(a) There is a growing shortage of credentialed*
- 11 *professional teachers trained to teach English to pupils of*
- 12 *limited English proficiency.*
- 13 *(b) Every child deserves quality early childhood*
- 14 *experiences in environments with teachers who address*
- 15 *his or her intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and*
- 16 *cognitive needs.*
- 17 *(c) High turnover rates and unqualified teachers*
- 18 *negatively impact the learning abilities, self-esteem, and*
- 19 *sense of security of young children.*
- 20 *(d) Many hard-to-staff schools have high turnover*
- 21 *rates and large percentages of limited English proficiency*
- 22 *pupils.*



1 (e) There are currently few local school district  
2 incentives targeting teacher education for this segment  
3 of the limited English proficiency pupil population.

4 (f) Existing law requires, with certain exceptions, that  
5 children in California public schools be taught English by  
6 being taught in English.

7 44411. The California Teacher Training Grant  
8 program is hereby established for the purpose of assisting  
9 the state in meeting the demand for fully-credentialed  
10 teachers who specialize in teaching pupils in  
11 kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, of limited  
12 English proficiency, by providing financial assistance to  
13 local school districts for the purpose of promoting teacher  
14 training to serve pupils of limited English proficiency.

15 44412. (a) The California Teacher Training Grant  
16 program shall be administered by the State Department  
17 of Education, which shall award a block grant, in an  
18 amount not to exceed one million two hundred fifty  
19 thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) to school districts that apply  
20 to the department and that meet the following  
21 conditions:

22 (1) The school district demonstrate that it will provide  
23 matching funds in the amount of the block grant  
24 provided by the department to the school district.

25 (2) The school district has demonstrated a need to  
26 train teachers toward credentialing and to serve limited  
27 English proficiency pupils.

28 (b) On or before February 1, 2000, a school district  
29 shall submit an application to the department, requesting  
30 a block grant, and the department shall make  
31 determinations regarding which school districts will  
32 receive block grants by June 1, 2000.

33 (c) Each school district that receives a block grant  
34 pursuant to subdivision (b) shall award up to 500 grants,  
35 each in the amount of twenty-five hundred dollars  
36 (\$2,500), from the block grant received from the  
37 department, along with a matching grant of twenty-five  
38 hundred dollars (\$2,500), provided by school district  
39 funds, for a total amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000)  
40 for each eligible grant recipient.



1 44413. Eligible grant recipients include college  
2 seniors, college graduates, paraprofessionals, and  
3 emergency credentialed teachers who meet the  
4 requirements for entering a teacher credentialing  
5 program and who meet the requirements of Section  
6 44415.

7 44415. To receive a grant under this article, a  
8 participant shall apply to a school district and shall enter  
9 into a contract with the awarding school district, whereby  
10 the participant agrees to meet all of the following  
11 conditions and to comply with regulations determined by  
12 the local school district:

13 (a) To enroll in a district-approved and Commission  
14 on Teacher Credentialing-approved teacher preparation  
15 program.

16 (b) To pursue a course of study leading to a full  
17 teaching credential as certified by the Commission on  
18 Teacher Credentialing.

19 (c) To maintain full-time enrollment and satisfactory  
20 academic progress as defined by the postsecondary  
21 educational institution with which the local district has  
22 developed a credentialing program approved by the  
23 Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

24 (d) To comply with the requirements of Article 15  
25 (commencing with Section 69810) of Chapter 2 of Part 42.

26 (e) Upon successful completion of all requirements for  
27 full teacher credentials, agree to teach pupils who are  
28 limited English proficient for two school calendar years  
29 in a hard-to-staff school. A "hard-to-staff school" is defined  
30 as a school having 25 percent or more emergency  
31 credentialed teachers in the school teacher force.

32 (f) To apply the grant toward the cost of tuition, books,  
33 and other materials needed in a teacher training program  
34 that has been approved by the awarding school district.

35 44416. A school district that participates in this grant  
36 program shall collect data and report the following  
37 information, on or before January 1, 2003, to the State  
38 Department of Education, the Commission on Teacher  
39 Credentialing, and the Student Aid Commission:



1 (a) *The demographic and statistical profile of grant*  
2 *recipients.*

3 (b) *The overall performance of those recipients.*

4 (c) *The status of teacher credentialing programs with*  
5 *participating postsecondary educational institutions.*

6 (d) *Needs assessment for future grants based on the*  
7 *eligible pool of applicants, the number of credentialed*  
8 *teachers trained to teach limited English proficiency*  
9 *pupils, and the expected number of limited English*  
10 *proficient pupils for the next calendar school year.*

11 (e) *Application procedures and selection criteria for*  
12 *individual award recipients.*

13 44417. *In the event that a grant recipient fails to*  
14 *satisfy the conditions set forth in Section 44412, he or she*  
15 *shall repay the school district for the full amount of the*  
16 *grant received.*

17 44418. *The funds appropriated in Item 6110-125-0001*  
18 *of Section 2 of the Budget Act of 1999 (Ch. 50, Stats. 1999)*  
19 *for English Language Learning Teaching Assistance may*  
20 *be allocated by the department for the purposes of this*  
21 *article.*

22 44419. *The article shall remain in effect until January*  
23 *1, 2003, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later*  
24 *enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2003,*  
25 *deletes or extends that date.*

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**All matter omitted in this version of the  
bill appears in the bill as amended in the  
Senate August 25, 1999 (JR 11)**

