

Date of Hearing: June 12, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
Al Muratsuchi, Chair  
SB 1329 (Committee on Education) – As Amended April 8, 2024

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Elementary and secondary education: omnibus

**SUMMARY:** Makes technical, clarifying, conforming, and other non-controversial revisions to a number of provisions in the Education Code. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Deletes obsolete references to the Commission on Teacher Preparation and Licensing, and replaces those references with the current name of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).
- 2) Strikes obsolete references to the State Board of Education (SBE) issuing credentials.
- 3) Strikes the outdated and obsolete authority for the SBE to waive instructional time requirements during the 1983-84 fiscal year for school districts that experienced unanticipated growth in the number of students over the 1982-83 fiscal year.
- 4) Strikes outdated and obsolete provisions relative to the time of validity of examination scores used to satisfy a requirement for the issuance of a credential, certificate, or permit.
- 5) Clarifies that “status” is part of application information and that charter schools are appropriate local educational agencies (LEAs) as a result of the enactment of AB 1505 (O’Donnell, Chapter 486, Statutes of 2019), which required charter school teachers to hold appropriate licensure.
- 6) Strikes outdated and obsolete provisions relative to the time of validity of fees submitted to the CTC with paper applications for credentials not available for online renewal.
- 7) Strikes outdated references to “children’s center instructional permits” as these were replaced with Child Development Permits, issued by the CTC.
- 8) Updates an incorrect cross-reference. The flexibility for charter school employees to remain in their positions references a section number within Education Code (EC) Section 44258.9 that was altered last year due to changes resulting from SB 114 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 48, Statutes of 2023), a budget trailer bill.
- 9) Clarifies that "accredited" means regionally accredited relative to completion of a program of professional preparation.
- 10) Strikes outdated and obsolete provision relative to the requirement for the field practice assignment for a pupil personnel services (PPS) credential to take place in two or more school settings.

- 11) Clarifies that private schools of equivalent status are to be regionally accredited, relative to minimum requirements for the preliminary services credential with a specialization in administrative services.
- 12) Corrects a drafting error in cross-references that was contained in SB 274 (Skinner, Chapter 597, Statutes of 2023) related to suspensions or expulsions based upon willful defiance.
- 13) Clarifies that the \$10 million in grant funds for the Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative program are to be available for preliminary administrative services credential candidates.

**EXISTING LAW:**

- 1) Authorizes the county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the county board of education, to employ supervisors to supervise instruction in the elementary school districts under his jurisdiction, as specified. Existing law requires those services to be performed by individuals who hold a valid credential issued by the State Board of Education (SBE) or the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing. (EC 1732)
- 2) Authorizes the county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the county board of education, to employ personnel to supervise the attendance of pupils in elementary school districts under his jurisdiction, as specified. Existing law requires those services to be performed by individuals who hold a valid credential issued by the SBE or the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing. (EC 1742)
- 3) Authorizes the county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the county board of education, to employ one or more supervisors of health to provide health services to pupils in elementary school districts under his jurisdiction, as specified. Existing law requires those services to be performed by individuals who hold a valid health and development credential, or a life diploma based thereon, or a services credential with a specialization in health issued by the state board or Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing. (EC 1753)
- 4) Authorizes the county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the county board of education, to employ personnel to provide necessary guidance services to pupils in elementary school districts under his jurisdiction, as specified. Existing law also authorizes the county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the county board of education, to enter into an agreement with the governing board of any district for the provision of guidance services in the district by the county superintendent of schools. Existing law requires those services to be performed by individuals who hold a valid credential issued by the SBE or the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing authorizing performance of the services. (EC 1762)
- 5) Authorizes the county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the board of supervisors and the county board of education, to agree with the county librarian to take over all existing contracts for supplementary books and other material adopted for the course of study between the school districts or community college districts and the county librarian. Existing law provides that thereafter, the county superintendent of schools is generally to perform such library services for the school districts or community college districts as were theretofore performed by the county library. Existing law requires the county superintendent

to employ a librarian holding a valid credential authorizing services as a librarian issued by the SBE or Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing. (EC 1770)

- 6) Authorizes each county or city, and county board of education or community college board, to issue temporary certificates for the purpose of authorizing salary payments to preschool employees whose child development permit applications are being processed. Existing law provides that the certificate is to be valid for not more than 90 schooldays and only until the permit originally requested is either issued or denied by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing. (EC 8302)
- 7) Authorizes the SBE to waive instructional time requirements during the 1983-84 fiscal year for school districts that experienced unanticipated growth in the number of students over the 1982-83 fiscal year where there is an overcrowding of students with no reasonable alternative to house students without initiating the use of double session. (EC 33050.3)
- 8) Establishes the CTC in state government, consisting of 15 voting members, 14 of whom are to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. (EC 44210)
- 9) Requires the CTC to, among other things, establish professional standards for entry and advancement in the education profession and establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials. (EC 44225)
- 10) States legislative intent that the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing exercise authority over all services provided to pupils in grade 12 or below, and states it is not the intent to authorize the commission to issue credentials authorizing service in grades 13 and 14, or in any institution of higher education. (EC 44202)
- 11) Extends the time of validity of examination scores used to satisfy a requirement for the issuance of a credential, certificate, permit, or waiver to 11 years for any score used to satisfy a requirement from March 19, 2020, to June 30, 2021, inclusive. (EC 44225.4)
- 12) Authorizes the CTC, in order to expedite the application process for the benefit of applicants for credentials, certificates, permits, or other documents issued by the CTC, to receive from or transmit to the agency that submitted the application, either electronically or by printed copy, the information set forth in that application. For purposes of this subdivision, "agency" means a school district, county office of education (COE), or institution of higher education having a commission-approved program of professional preparation. (EC 44230)
- 13) Extends the time of validity of fees submitted with paper applications for credentials not available for online renewal or recommendation to 120 days for applications received by CTC from March 19, 2020, to June 30, 2021, inclusive. (EC 44235.4)
- 14) Requires, beginning on September 1, 1984, applicants for an initial regular children's center instructional permit and applicants for the renewal of an emergency children's center permit or a limited service permit to demonstrate proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills by doing specified tasks. (EC 44252.7)
- 15) Provides that, for teachers employed by charter schools during the 2019-20 school year, the monitoring authority shall not be required to advise the charter school administrator to

correct a misassignment until July 1, 2025. (EC 44258.10)

- 16) Requires CTC to waive the requirements for completion of a program of professional preparation for any individual with a minimum of six years of full-time teaching experience in an accredited private school, as determined by CTC, in the subject and level of the credential sought, who complies with specified criteria. (EC 44259.2)
- 17) Reduces the requirement for the field practice assignment for a PPS credential to take place in two or more school settings to one school setting from March 19, 2020, to June 30, 2021, inclusive. (EC 44266.5)
- 18) Establishes minimum requirements for the preliminary services credential with a specialization in administrative services, including, among other things:
  - a) Completion of a minimum of three years of successful, full-time classroom teaching experience in the public schools, including, but not limited to, service in state- or county-operated schools, or in private schools of equivalent status or three years of experience in the fields of pupil personnel, health, clinical or rehabilitative, or librarian services; and,
  - b) Current employment in an administrative position after completion of professional preparation, whether full or part time, in a public school or private school of equivalent status. The commission shall encourage school districts to consider the recency of preparation or professional growth in school administration as one of the criteria for employment. (EC 44270)
- 19) Requires the exchange of teachers with a foreign country to be conditioned upon the fact that the employing school district in California shall not be required to pay the salary of the teacher from the foreign country. Existing law requires the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing to establish minimum standards for credentials for such exchange teachers from a foreign country and shall provide for the issuance of such credentials to such teachers. (EC 44614)
- 20) Requires, if the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing approves, employment, rendering of service, inclusion of attendance, or drawing of the order for a warrant to be deemed fully legal whenever a person has rendered service in a position requiring certification qualifications, or the governing board of a district has employed a person in a position requiring certification qualifications, or the county superintendent has drawn an order for a warrant in favor of a person in a position requiring certification qualifications, for a period of service during which the person did not have a valid credential required for such. (EC 45036)
- 21) Prohibits a pupil enrolled in a charter school in kindergarten and any of grades 1 to 5 from being suspended for having disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the authority of school personnel; and prohibits pupils enrolled in a charter school in grades 6 to 12 from being suspended for these acts until July 1, 2029. Existing law authorizes a certificated or non-certificated employee to refer a pupil to charter school administrators for appropriate and timely in-school interventions or supports as specified. (EC 48901.1)

- 22) Requires CDE to establish minimum requirements for teachers who may wish to participate in the State Bilingual Teacher Training Assistance Program, including but not limited to a requirement that the teacher's waiver application includes a certification by an assessor agency approved by the Commission on Teacher Preparation and Licensing. (EC 52183)
- 23) Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the 2023–24 fiscal year, to allocate the sum of \$10 million from the funding appropriated in Provision 3 of Item 6100-488 of the Budget Act of 2023 to the CTC to establish the Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative program. The purpose of the program is to train, place, and retain diverse and culturally responsive administrators in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to improve pupil outcomes and meet the needs of California's education workforce. Existing law requires the program to have specified goals, including but not limited to mitigating or removing administrator credentialing costs for aspiring public school administrators for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and administrator preparation and induction programs. (Section 112 of Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 2023)
- 24) Requires any psychologist employed by a community college to hold a school psychologist credential, a general pupil personnel services credential authorizing service as a school psychologist, a standard designated services credential with a specialization in pupil personnel services authorizing service as a psychologist, a services credential issued by the board of governors or the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, or meet applicable minimum qualifications established by the board of governors. (EC 87448)
- 25) Requires the accumulated leave of absence for illness or injury of the following people to be transferred with the person to the second position: any academic employee of a community college district who accepts a position requiring certification qualifications in the office of any county superintendent of schools; or, any certificated employee of any county superintendent of schools who accepts an academic position in a community college district or office of another county superintendent of schools; or, any person employed by the board of governors in a position requiring certification qualifications or an employee of the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges who accepts an academic position in a community college district or a position requiring certification qualifications in the office of any county superintendent of schools; or, any certificated employee of the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing who accepts an academic position in any community college district. (EC 87783)
- 26) Provides that statutes relative to the national search of criminal records applies to the California Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, in licensing of all teaching and services credential applicants. (Penal Code (PEN) 11146)
- 27) Authorizes each county or city and county board of education or community colleges board to issue temporary certificates for the purpose of authorizing salary payments to child development employees whose child development permit applications are being processed. Existing law requires the applicant for such a temporary certificate to make a statement under oath that the employee has duly filed their application for a permit together with the required fee and that to the best of their knowledge no reason exists why the employee should not be issued a permit. Requires a certificate to be valid for not more than 90 schooldays and only

until the permit originally requested is either issued or denied by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing. (Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) 10384.5)

**FISCAL EFFECT:** According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8, negligible state costs.

**COMMENTS:**

***Purpose of the elementary and secondary education omnibus bill.*** Each year, there is typically a K-12 education omnibus bill that makes various technical, conforming, clarifying, and non-controversial revisions to the Education Code. Typically, staff with the Senate and Assembly education policy, fiscal, and budget committees and their minority consultants, the Department of Finance, the CDE, the Legislative Analyst's Office, and other similarly situated state government offices, identify statutes in existing law which need updating or correcting and propose corrections. Custom and practice provide that if offices or entities object to a proposed provision in the omnibus bill, that particular provision is not included.

Among other changes, this bill makes minor and technical changes to various provisions of law governing the CTC and credentials issued by the Commission. The purpose is to make various sections of the Education Code consistent with each other and to ensure that the terms and titles used in the Education Code are consistent with the California Code of Regulations and the policies and standards of the Commission. Numerous references remain in statute to CTC's former name of the California Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing. Those references are being updated to instead reference the CTC. Existing law also references credentials issued by the SBE; however, the SBE no longer issues credentials, and those references are obsolete.

***Related legislation.*** AB 872 (Committee on Education), Chapter 273, Statutes of 2023, was the annual K-12 education policy omnibus bill, which makes technical, clarifying, conforming, and other non-controversial revisions to a number of provisions in the Education Code and Health and Safety Code

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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