

PRESIDENT'S POINTS 8/31/06

LEGISLATION

Changes in California certification laws usually start with bills passed by the California legislature. It is always a good idea to keep up on what is happening in the legislature. Two bills I would like to bring to your attention are SB 1209 and AB 950.

SB 1209 (Scott)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1201-1250/sb_1209_bill_20060830_enrolled.pdf

Would implement major reform in teacher education. A summary of the bill is available at:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1201-1250/sb_1209_cfa_20060828_095432_sen_floor.html

Among the changes:

Consolidate credential tests, for example modify the Multiple Subject CSET and CBEST so that passage of the CSET Multiple Subject would satisfy requirements for the CBEST and possibly RICA.

Revise the block grant funding formula for BTSA/Induction programs.

Eliminate professional growth requirements for professional clear credentials.

Revise requirements for out of state certified teachers including CBEST and EL.

Reinstate the Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA).

Implement program review of induction programs.

AB 950 (Pavley)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_950&sess=CUR&house=B&author=pavley

Would eliminate fingerprinting at the CCTC level and instead require each County Office to be responsible for the certificate of clearance for all teachers and student teachers in that county. A summary of the bill is available at:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0901-0950/ab_950_cfa_20060822_141016_sen_comm.html

Information about these and other bills concerning credentialing will be presented at the CCAC Conference, including a summary at the Friday breakfast. Remember that registration for conference must be postmarked by this Friday, September 1. Conference information is available on the CCAC web site:

<http://www.teamccac.net>

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