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**AB-226 Teacher credentialing: spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces: expedited application process. (2017-2018)**

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**Assembly Bill No. 226**

**CHAPTER 436**

An act to add Section 44343.5 to the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 226, Cervantes. Teacher credentialing: spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces: expedited application process.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, among other duties, establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits.

This bill would require the commission to grant or deny a completed application for a credential within 7 days of the date that the commission received the application if the applicant supplies the commission with evidence that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders and holds a valid teaching credential in another state, district, or territory of the United States. The bill would exempt an application subject to a designated fitness review from this requirement.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 44343.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

**44343.5.** (a) The commission shall grant or deny a completed application for a credential within seven days of the date that the commission received the application if the applicant does both of the following:

(1) Supplies the commission with evidence that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders.

(2) Holds a valid teaching credential in another state, district, or territory of the United States.

(b) The seven-day processing time set forth in this section shall not apply to an application subject to a fitness review by the commission pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 44240).