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SB-1383 Teacher credentialing: Committee of Credentials: membership. (2017-2018)

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Senate Bill No. 1383

CHAPTER 360

An act to amend Section 44240 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1383, Fuller. Teacher credentialing: Committee of Credentials: membership.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, among other duties, establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits. Existing law requires the commission to appoint a Committee of Credentials and requires each allegation of an act or omission by an applicant for, or holder of, a credential for which he or she may be subject to an adverse action to be presented to the committee. Existing law requires the committee to consist of 7 persons for terms fixed by the commission but not to exceed 2 years, as specified.

This bill would authorize the commission to establish an alternate list of qualified individuals for the purpose of filling an unanticipated vacancy on the committee, as provided. The bill would also authorize the commission to establish a substitute list of qualified individuals who have at least 12 months of prior experience serving on the committee and to designate an individual on that substitute list as a short-term substitute in the temporary absence of a regular member.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 44240 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44240. (a) The commission shall appoint a Committee of Credentials, consisting of seven persons for terms fixed by the commission but not to exceed two years. The committee shall include:

- (1) One member who shall be a full-time certified classroom teacher in the public elementary schools with not less than five years of classroom experience.
- (2) One member who shall be a full-time certified classroom teacher in the public secondary schools with not less than five years of classroom experience.
- (3) One member who shall be a certified administrative employee in the public schools.
- (4) One member who shall be a member of the governing board of a school district. A member of the governing board of a school district whose tenure on the governing board ends while serving a term on the committee may continue to serve the remainder of the term on the committee, but shall be ineligible for reappointment to the committee pursuant to this paragraph.

(5) Three members who shall be representatives of the public. No person who is currently employed in a certificated position in the public schools or who is currently a member of the governing board of a school district or a county board of education shall be appointed as a public member.

(b) (1) (A) The commission may establish an alternate list of individuals qualified pursuant to subdivision (a) for the purpose of filling an unanticipated vacancy on the Committee of Credentials.

(B) If a member of the committee is absent from any four regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, his or her position shall be deemed vacant.

(2) The commission may also establish a substitute list of individuals qualified pursuant to subdivision (a) who have at least 12 months of prior experience serving on the committee. The commission may designate an individual on the substitute list as a short-term substitute in the temporary absence of a regular member.

(c) Appointments to the Committee of Credentials shall reflect, to the extent feasible, the ethnic and cultural diversity of California public schools.