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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2386

Introduced by Assembly Member Rubio

February 14, 2018

An act to add Section 44268.2 to the Education Code, relating to services credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2386, as amended, Rubio. Services credentialing: services credential with a specialization in occupational therapy or physical therapy services.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, among other things, establish professional standards, assessments, and examinations for entry and advancement in the education profession and to establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits. Existing law sets forth the minimum requirements for a services credential with a specialization in health and excludes services as an occupational therapist or physical therapist from the health services the holder of a services credential with a specialization in health is authorized to perform.

This bill would require the commission to convene a ~~workgroup to develop a proposed workgroup, as provided, to consider whether the development of a services credential with a specialization in occupational therapy or physical therapy services, as provided, and services is warranted and, if so warranted, to consider specified requirements for the credential.~~ The bill would require the workgroup to provide a report

on the proposed credential *its findings* to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before January 1, 2020.

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 44268.2 is added to the Education Code,
 2 to read:

3 44268.2. (a) ~~(1)~~—The commission shall convene a workgroup,
 4 as provided in subdivision (c), to ~~develop a proposed~~ *consider*
 5 *whether the development of a* services credential with a
 6 specialization in occupational therapy or physical therapy services.
 7 The workgroup shall provide a report on the proposed credential
 8 to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Superintendent on or
 9 before January 1, 2020: *services is warranted.*

10 ~~(2) The report described in paragraph (1) shall be submitted in~~
 11 ~~compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.~~

12 ~~(b) In developing the proposed services credential with a~~
 13 ~~specialization in occupational therapy or physical therapy services,~~
 14 *If a determination is made that the credential is warranted,* the
 15 workgroup shall consider all of the following:

- 16 (1) The minimum requirements for the credential.
- 17 (2) What experience may automatically qualify an occupational
- 18 therapist or physical therapist to earn the credential.
- 19 (3) Any additional specialized preparation necessary to qualify
- 20 for the credential.
- 21 (4) What options may be made available to occupational
- 22 therapists and physical therapists with respect to obtaining a
- 23 credential.

24 (c) The workgroup membership shall ~~include~~ *include, but not*
 25 *be limited to,* all of the following:

- 26 (1) A representative from the Occupational Therapy Association
- 27 of California.
- 28 (2) A representative from the California Physical Therapy
- 29 Association.
- 30 (3) A representative from a labor union representing certificated
- 31 employees.

1 (4) A representative from a labor union representing classified
2 employees.

3 (5) A school administrator.

4 (6) At least two academic representatives from educational
5 institutions that have occupational therapy or physical therapy
6 degree programs.

7 (7) A representative from the department.

8 (8) A representative from a special education local plan area.

9 *(d) (1) The workgroup shall provide a report on its findings*
10 *pursuant to this section to the Legislature, the Governor, and the*
11 *Superintendent on or before January 1, 2020.*

12 *(2) The report described in paragraph (1) shall be submitted*
13 *in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.*

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