

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1034

Introduced by Assembly Member Ávila Farías

February 20, 2025

An act to add Section 44320.7 to the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1034, as introduced, Ávila Farías. Teacher credentialing: youth mental health.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials. Existing law requires the commission to ensure that an accredited program of professional preparation for multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credentials includes, among other things, standards established by the commission for the preparation of teachers for all pupils, as provided.

This bill would require, when the above-described standards are next revised on or after January 1, 2026, the commission to include a requirement that beginning teachers have a basic understanding of youth mental health.

Existing law requires, as a minimum requirement for a preliminary multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential, the satisfactory completion of a program of professional preparation that includes a teaching performance assessment that meets specified requirements and has been approved by the commission, as provided.

This bill would require, when those above-described assessments are next revised on or after January 1, 2026, the commission to include an

assessment of a teacher credential candidate's knowledge of youth mental health.

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 44320.7 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 44320.7. (a) When the commission's standards of program
4 quality and effectiveness and current teaching performance
5 expectations, established pursuant to Section 44225, are next
6 revised, on or after January 1, 2026, the commission shall include
7 a requirement that beginning teachers have a basic understanding
8 of youth mental health.
9 (b) When the commission's adopted teaching performance
10 assessments, required by Sections 44320.2 and 44230.3, are next
11 revised, on or after January 1, 2026, the commission shall include
12 an assessment of a teacher credential candidate's knowledge of
13 youth mental health.

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