

Adopted: May 30, 2014

## Statewide Cost Estimate

**\$21,283**

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 80556(a),(c),(f) and (j) and 80556.1(e)  
as added and amended by Register 86, No. 40; Register 94, No. 19

### *Teacher Credentialing* 03-TC-09

Period of reimbursement begins July 1, 2002 and ends December 31, 2006.

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## STAFF ANALYSIS

### Background and Summary of the Mandate

This program addresses the teacher credentialing process and employment of K-12 teachers.

On April 19, 2013, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) adopted a statement of decision finding that the test claim regulations impose a partially reimbursable state-mandated program upon school districts within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and Government Code section 17514 from July 1, 2002 until December 31, 2006.<sup>1</sup>

Parameters and Guidelines were adopted on July 26, 2013 approving the reimbursable activities described below under the *Reimbursable Activities* section.<sup>2</sup>

Eligible claimants were required to file initial reimbursement claims (for costs incurred between fiscal years 2002-2003 and December 31, 2006) with the State Controller's Office (SCO) by February 26, 2014. Late initial reimbursement claims may be filed until February 26, 2015.

### Eligible Claimants and Period of Reimbursement

Any "school district" as defined in Government Code section 17519, excluding community colleges, which incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate, is eligible to claim reimbursement. However, charter schools are not eligible for reimbursement for this program.

Government Code section 17557(e) states that a test claim shall be submitted on or before June 30 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for that fiscal year. The claimant, San Diego County Office of Education, filed the test claim on September 25, 2003 establishing eligibility for reimbursement beginning July 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2006, when the program became optional and no longer mandated by the state. All of the reimbursable activities approved in the *Teacher Credentialing* test claim were eligible for reimbursement beginning July 1, 2002.

### Reimbursable Activities

The parameters and guidelines authorize reimbursement of each eligible claimant for the following activities from July 1, 2002 until December 31, 2006:

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit A.

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit B.

A. Professional growth activities related to renewing clear single or multiple subject credentials:

- If a school district employs one or more holders of professional clear credentials, the chief administrative officer of the employing school district, or his or her designee, shall designate one or more certificated persons to be professional growth advisors.<sup>3</sup>
- The employing school district shall adopt policies and procedures for the selection of professional growth advisors which contribute the best possible match between the credential holder and the advisor. *This is a one-time activity.*<sup>4</sup>
- The employing school district shall give each credential holder the names and work locations of any professional growth advisors who have been designated by the district.<sup>5</sup>
- The chief administrative officer of the employing school district, or his or her designee, shall remove any professional growth advisor who has been determined by the district or CTC to have willfully and arbitrarily violated Education Code Section 44277 or Article 4 of the regulations.<sup>6</sup>

B. Professional growth activities related to renewing clear service or specialist credentials:

- The school district shall identify professional growth advisors and give each credential holder the names and work locations of any professional growth advisors who have been designated by the agency for these credential areas.<sup>7</sup>

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### Assumptions

Staff reviewed the reimbursement claims data submitted by 3 school districts and compiled by the SCO<sup>8</sup>. The actual claims data showed that 7 initial claims were filed for fiscal years 2002-2003 through December 31, 2006 for a total of \$21,283. Reimbursement for this program ended on December 31, 2006 therefore there will not be any annual claims filed on the program. Based on this data, staff made the following assumptions and used the following methodology to develop a statewide cost estimate for this program.

- *The actual amount claimed for reimbursement may increase and exceed the statewide cost estimate.*
  - There are currently 1043 school districts in California. Of those, only 3 school districts filed initial reimbursement claims totaling \$21,283 for this program for fiscal years 2002-2003 through December 31, 2006. If other eligible claimants file late or amended initial claims, the amount of reimbursement claims may exceed the statewide cost estimate. Late initial reimbursement claims for this program for fiscal years 2002-2003 through December 31, 2006 may be filed until February 26, 2015.

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<sup>3</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 80556(a).

<sup>4</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 80556(c).

<sup>5</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 80556(f).

<sup>6</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 80556(j).

<sup>7</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 80556.1(e).

<sup>8</sup> Claims data reported as of December 4, 2013.

- There also may be several reasons that non-claiming school districts did not file reimbursement claims, including but not limited to, (1) they did not incur more than \$1,000 in increased costs for this program and (2) they did not have supporting documentation to file a reimbursement claim.
- *The total amount of reimbursement for this program may be lower than the statewide cost estimate because the SCO may reduce any reimbursement claim for this program.*
  - The SCO may conduct audits and reduce any claims it deems to be excessive or unreasonable.

Methodology

*Fiscal Years 2002-2003 through December 31, 2006*

The statewide cost estimate for fiscal years 2002-2003 through December 31, 2006 was developed by totaling the 7 reimbursement claims filed with the SCO for these years totaling \$21, 283.<sup>9</sup> This averages to \$4,257 annually in costs for the state over this five-year period. Following is a breakdown of estimated total costs per fiscal year:

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Number of Claims Filed with SCO</b> | <b>Estimated Cost</b> |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 2002-2003          | 1                                      | \$2,997               |
| 2003-2004          | 1                                      | \$3,269               |
| 2004-2005          | 3                                      | \$8,890               |
| 2005-2006          | 1                                      | \$4,022               |
| 2006-2007          | 1                                      | \$2,105               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>7</b>                               | <b>\$21,283</b>       |

**Comments on the Draft Staff Analysis and Proposed Statewide Cost Estimate**

On April 3, 2014, Commission staff issued the draft staff analysis and proposed statewide cost estimate for comments.<sup>10</sup> No comments were received.

**Conclusion**

On May 30, 2014, the Commission adopted the statewide cost estimate of **\$21,283** for costs incurred in complying with the *Teacher Credentialing* program.

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<sup>9</sup> Sonoma County Office of Education and Woodville Elementary School District each submitted claims for three years of the reimbursement period and Fresno Unified School District submitted a claim for one year.

<sup>10</sup> Exhibit C.