

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires first-time license or registration applicants to Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to demonstrate knowledge of ethical standards of professional conduct as determined by the commission. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Inclusion of testing requirement by future commissions
- Nature of questions on ethics

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Current statute requires applicants for teaching licenses to demonstrate knowledge of the Federal Civil Rights Act as well as other federal and state statutes prohibiting discrimination on a test administered by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. The test on civil rights was recently updated and augmented to include ethical standards of conduct. The new test will be administered beginning September 1, 2009.