

July 1, 2024

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
Chair, Assembly Education Committee
1021 O Street, Room 159
Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 1930 (Reyes)
Location: Assembly Education Committee
Position: Support

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

On behalf of the Valley View Children's Center and other private centers, I write in support of AB1930 (Reyes) which will direct the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to remove the restriction on renewal of the Child Development Associate Teacher Permit so that individuals who choose to do so, can renew the permit and remain in their Associate Teacher positions. This measure will improve access to early childhood programs and support individuals in their positions providing instructional support to our youngest learners.

Valley View Children's Center is a private, non-profit provider of Early Care and Education for children ages 2-5. We are licensed to serve 65 children, but it has been difficult to provide at this level with the shortage of Early Educators.

The Child Development Associate Teacher permit is issued for five years and is only renewable once by completing at least 15 semester units towards the Child Development Teacher Permit. Associate Teacher Permit holders must meet the requirements for the Child Development Teacher Permit during that time period. If these requirements are not met, the Associate Teacher permit expires, and therefore, qualified Associate Teacher permit holders in programs who could be providing instructional support at an Associate Teacher level, are not able to maintain their associate teacher permit positions.

We support AB 1930 for several reasons:

- Access to ECE programs is critical to California families. And one of the most essential components for children in these programs is qualified, experienced caring adults.
- Associate Teachers provide important support in classrooms and wonderful care for children. Associate Teacher Permit Holders may supervise children alone and may contribute to the development of curriculum and instruction.
- This bill would, on or before April 30, 2025, require the commission to, by rule or regulation, authorize a holder of a Child Development Associate Teacher Permit to renew their permit without a limitation on the number of renewals if the permit holder completes specified hours of professional growth activities, as provided.
- This bill would support providers' ability to retain experienced and valuable staff to serve children.

For these reasons, I strongly support AB 1930. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at valleyviewchildrenscenter@gmail.com or 805-440-6298.

Sincerely,
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