

Accompanying the third recommendation of the Department of Education (House, No. 81). Education, Arts and Humanities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

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AN ACT REQUIRING GRANDFATHERED ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS TO MEET CURRENT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 8 of chapter 847 of the acts of 1973, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 865 of the acts of 1977, is hereby  
3 further amended by adding the following sentence after the second  
4 sentence: —

5 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,  
6 effective January one, nineteen hundred ninety-six, no person  
7 shall be eligible to be employed by a school committee to teach  
8 English as a second language, unless that person has been granted  
9 by the board a certificate as a teacher of English as a second  
10 language under the board's regulations for teacher certification.

1 SECTION 2. All teachers of English as a second language who  
2 are employed by a school district to teach students of limited  
3 English proficiency on the effective date of this act and who do  
4 not meet the board's standards for certification as a teacher of  
5 English as a second language under the board's regulations for  
6 teacher certification which took effect September one, nineteen  
7 hundred eighty-two, shall have a three-year period from the  
8 effective date of this act to obtain such certification.

1 SECTION 3. The board of education, subject to appropri-  
2 ation, shall establish a program for the purpose of providing grants  
3 to assist those teachers of English as a second language who are

4 employed by a school district to teach students of limited English  
5 proficiency on the effective date of this act and who do not meet  
6 the board's standards for certification as a teacher of English as  
7 a second language in obtaining the additional training in order  
8 to meet the requirements for certification as a teacher of English  
9 as a second language as set forth in the board's regulations for  
10 teacher certification. Such grants shall be limited to the  
11 reimbursement of the tuition costs of those courses necessary for  
12 such teachers to obtain certification as a teacher of English as a  
13 second language. The board of education shall establish guidelines  
14 governing the administration of this program.