



DID YOU KNOW?

THE NEW OPTIONS TO MEET THE SUBJECT MATTER REQUIREMENT

AB 130 and the FAQs

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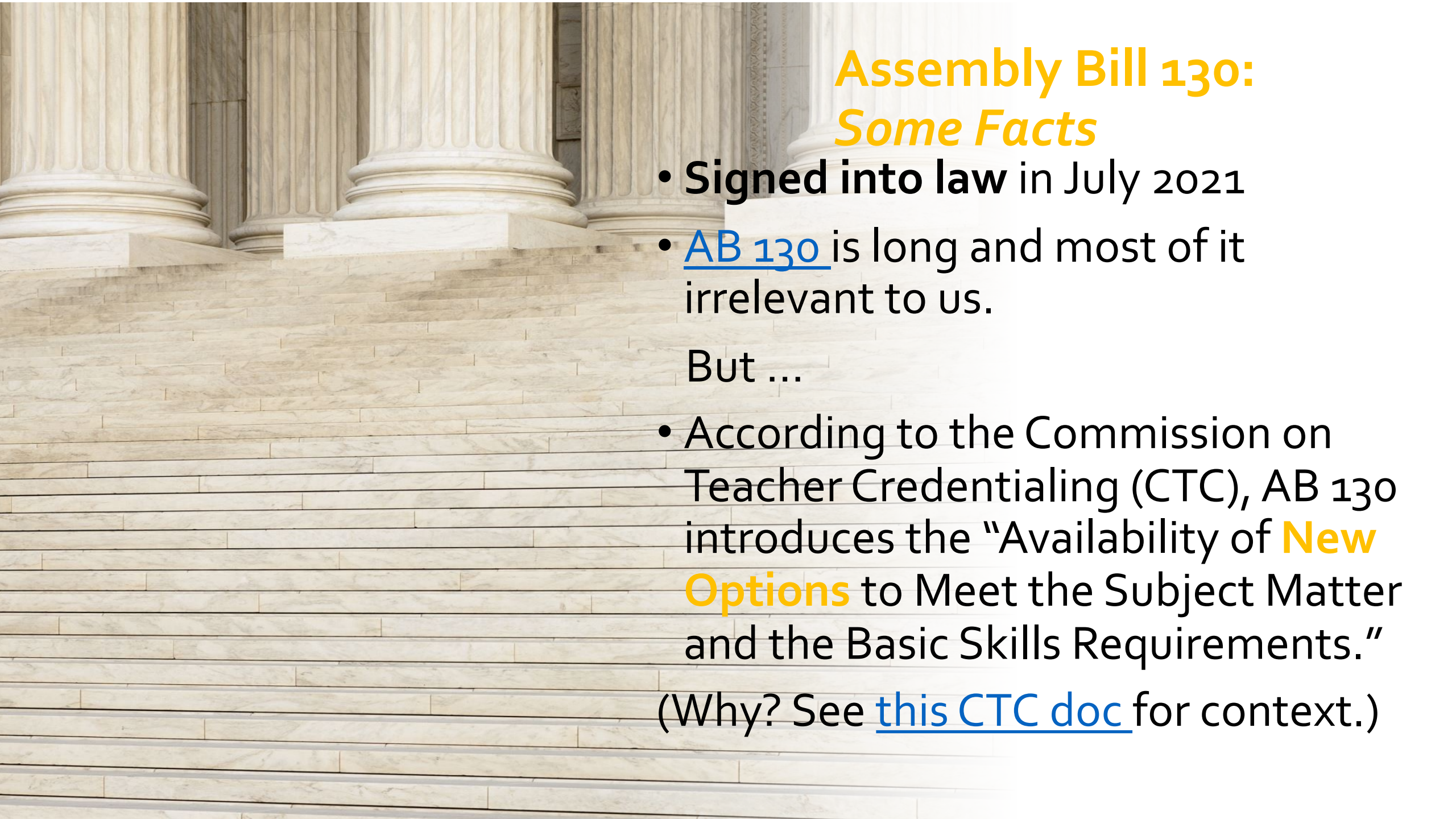
Be Smart!

Research.

Fact Check. (Read *analytically*; consult *multiple* sources.),

Stay Informed. (*Facts* are empowering.),
and...

Teach your students to do the same.



Assembly Bill 130: *Some Facts*

- **Signed into law** in July 2021
- [AB 130](#) is long and most of it irrelevant to us.

But ...

- According to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), AB 130 introduces the “Availability of **New Options** to Meet the Subject Matter and the Basic Skills Requirements.”

(Why? See [this CTC doc](#) for context.)

The background of the slide features a photograph of a grand, classical building. In the foreground, a wide set of light-colored stone steps leads up towards the entrance. Several large, fluted columns are visible, supporting the structure above. The lighting is bright, creating a clean and professional appearance.

Assembly Bill 130

The sections of AB 130 that are most relevant to us are summed up in [this document](#) published by the Commission of Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

Key Changes:

Prior to July 2021, to meet the **Subject Matter Requirement**, you would be required to either receive a passing score on **CSET** or complete a **Commission-approved** subject matter waiver program.

Now, **AB 130** expands the available **options** to allow candidates “verify subject matter competence” also by the following method:

Key Changes:

(Provision 3d): Complete a degree major from **a regionally-accredited college or university**. For Multiple Subject credentials, the major must be in **liberal studies** or an **interdisciplinary major** that includes coursework in the **content areas identified in subdivision (b) of California Education Code section 44282.**



What general “**content areas**” are identified in **subdivision (b) of California Code Section 44282?**

1. Language Studies
2. Literature
3. Mathematics
4. Science
5. Social studies
6. History
7. The Arts
8. Physical Education
9. Human Development

So, what does this mean (again)?

If your degree is from an **accredited university** *and*

a) it is called **“Liberal Studies,”** or

b) it is an **“interdisciplinary major that *includes coursework in*”:**

1. Language Studies
2. Literature
3. Mathematics
4. Science
5. Social studies
6. History
7. The Arts
8. Physical Education
9. Human Development,

then according to the law and the CTC guidelines, you have met the subject matter requirements to enter a credential program.

How do we know?

- Reading *critically and analytically*. I learned this during my undergrad education.
- Consulting *multiple sources*. I learned this one as an undergraduate student, too. These are some of the sources I used for this topic
- CTC documents, including “Coded Correspondences,” the CTC website, [CTC webinar on AB 130](#), CTC accompanying [PowerPoint slides](#), and correspondence with [Dr. Erin Skubal](#), Director of Certification Division at CTC.
- Meeting with [Dr. Shireen Pavri](#), Assistant Vice Chancellor (of CSUs).
- Meeting with [Dr. April Bullock](#), Chair of Liberal Studies, CSU Fullerton
- [California Code of Education](#)
- Studying websites of various universities, e.g., [CSU Northridge](#)

Does the new BA in Liberal Studies comply with the content areas specified by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)?

YES!

Absolutely!

Why?

Because the new CSUSB BA in Liberal Studies is precisely the type of **“interdisciplinary degree”** stated in AB 130 and as quoted by the CTC. In this program, you will find required coursework in every one of these areas, although they are organized differently, i.e., under four board categories: Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Social Sciences and Child Development, and Program Requirements as this chart shows.

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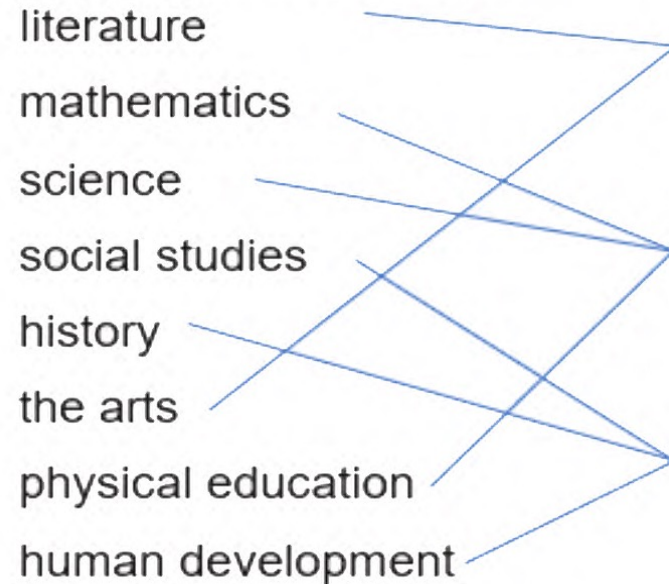
language studies and
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CSUSB BS IN LS

Arts and
Humanities

Natural Sciences
and Mathematics

Social Sciences and
Child Development



AND...

Also, because the degree is “**in Liberal Studies**” (see provision 3d on the first page).

As of now, even more recently, two new degrees have been proposed by the CTC to be added to the list of acceptable degrees:

- 1) Liberal Arts** and
- 2) Elementary Education.** See this CTC Coded Correspondence document from April 3, 2023 (scroll down to Item (c) on pg. 4).

Thank you for
attending!

Questions?