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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 49**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Washington**  
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An act to add Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 18736) to Chapter 4 of Part 11 of the Education Code, relating to library services, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 49, as amended, Washington. Public libraries: resources for youths.

Existing law requires the State Librarian to employ a consultant to provide technical assistance to public libraries in the development and enhancement of library services to children and youth.

This bill would ~~direct~~ *establish the Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program and would require* the State Librarian to award grants, ~~subject to an appropriation in the Budget Act for this purpose,~~ on a competitive basis to *four* public libraries for the ~~support~~ *purposes of implementing the Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities*

~~Grant Program~~ program in the public libraries. The bill would require an independent ~~evaluation~~ entity to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, and ~~a report~~ would require the State Librarian to submit the results of the evaluation to the Governor and specified committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2004.

The bill would appropriate \$400,000 from the General Fund to the State Librarian for the purposes of the program.

Vote: ~~majority~~ 2/3. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the
- 2 following:
- 3 (1) In April 2000, the Assembly Select Committee on
- 4 Adolescence, chaired by then Assembly Member Susan Davis,
- 5 published a report of policy recommendations to improve the lives
- 6 of California’s teens. Among the recommendations was a very
- 7 specific suggestion to provide more youth services through
- 8 existing public libraries.
- 9 (2) The state’s youth during nonschool hours should have
- 10 access to structured activities that support their educational
- 11 activities and are conducive to personal and professional
- 12 development.
- 13 (3) California’s adolescents currently have far too little access
- 14 to nonschool hours programs.
- 15 (4) Crime statistics indicate that the incidence of criminal acts
- 16 increases precipitously in the hours immediately following school
- 17 recess.
- 18 (5) Most California adolescents return to empty homes after
- 19 school.
- 20 (6) The prevention of juvenile crime is in every sense
- 21 preferable to its punishment.
- 22 (7) Because of the special challenges of adolescence, it is
- 23 appropriate that local communities, in concert with every level of
- 24 government, provide youth 13 to 18 years of age with a web of
- 25 support complementary to their formal education.
- 26 (8) California youth 13 to 18 years of age currently lack
- 27 adequate opportunities to develop leadership skills and to engage
- 28 in work-based learning.



1 (9) Youth 13 to 18 years of age require contact outside of school  
2 with caring adults who can serve as mentors and role models.

3 (10) It is in the interest of the people of California to provide  
4 youth with high-quality nonschool hours programs in safe,  
5 educational settings, and to fund these programs adequately.

6 (11) Public libraries have been established in virtually every  
7 California community to provide the setting and resources for  
8 lifelong learning, and are uniquely well positioned to provide  
9 high-quality nonschool hours services, that serve youth.

10 (12) The services provided by California's 1,100 public  
11 libraries engender a sense of place, interdependence, and  
12 community.

13 (13) *Closing the "digital divide," providing academic*  
14 *assistance, learning life skills, uncovering life opportunities, and*  
15 *providing mentors and guidance for California's youth is a high*  
16 *priority.*

17 (14) *All of the aforementioned challenges to youth and*  
18 *communities are particularly demanding in low-income areas.*

19 (15) *The aforementioned academic and life skills challenges to*  
20 *youth and communities are particularly demanding in*  
21 *low-performing schools.*

22 (16) Most public libraries in California lack sufficient  
23 resources to provide high-quality nonschool hours services to  
24 youth.

25 (b) Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that the 179  
26 public library jurisdictions serving the people of California should  
27 have sufficient resources to ensure the supplemental services,  
28 extended service hours, and additional personnel necessary to  
29 promote, among youth 13 to 18 years of age, any or all of the  
30 following:

31 (1) Academic support and nonschool hours tutoring.

32 (2) The closing of the divide between those with access to  
33 advanced telecommunications and those without such access.

34 (3) Youth mentoring and educational peer matching at library  
35 sites and at other venues located with the assistance of the library.

36 (4) Violence prevention and conflict resolution.

37 (5) Any other approach determined by the public library  
38 jurisdiction to effectively promote healthy youth development and  
39 safe communities.



1 SEC. 2. Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 18736) is  
2 added to Chapter 4 of Part 11 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 4.6. Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant  
5 Program

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7 ~~18736. For the purposes of this chapter, the following~~  
8 ~~definitions apply:~~

9 (a) ~~“Youth” means California residents 13 to 18 years of age,~~  
10 ~~inclusive.~~

11 (b) ~~“Managed geospatial data” means geographically~~  
12 ~~referenced information rendered in a readily accessible format and~~  
13 ~~updated on a regular basis.~~

14 *18736. For the purposes of this article, “youth” means a*  
15 *California resident 13 to 18 years of age, inclusive.*

16 18737. The Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant  
17 Program is hereby established. The State Librarian shall provide  
18 grants to public libraries for the purpose of providing youth with  
19 high-quality nonschool hours services that effectively promote  
20 healthy youth development and safe communities. The State  
21 Librarian may provide funds to an eligible public library for any  
22 two or more of the following youth services:

23 (a) Academic assistance and enrichment, including, but not  
24 limited to, homework centers with study rooms, study lounges and  
25 “living rooms,” poetry, and other creative writing programs, and  
26 performing and fine arts programs.

27 (b) Life skills programs, including, but not limited to,  
28 occupational and postsecondary education information, health  
29 information, conflict resolution and peer mediation, and financial  
30 information.

31 (c) Technology, including, but not limited to, word processors,  
32 computer terminals, electronic materials, geographic information  
33 systems and other data bases, and technical support and training.

34 (d) Youth mentoring and educational peer matching, including,  
35 but not limited to, the mentoring of youth by adults and the  
36 matching of young learners with other youth, at library sites and  
37 at other venues located with the assistance of the library.

38 ~~(e) A clearinghouse of information on educational activities for~~  
39 ~~youth, including, but not limited to, managed geospatial data~~



1 ~~enabling youth to locate educational assets and opportunities for~~  
2 ~~learning in the surrounding community.~~

3 (f)

4 (e) Any other purpose determined by the public library to  
5 effectively promote healthy youth development and safe  
6 communities.

7 18738. As a condition of receiving funds under this article, an  
8 eligible public library shall do all of the following:

9 (a) Certify, on a form and in a manner required by the State  
10 Librarian, that the funds will be used for the development and  
11 operation of a Youth Advisory Council, a majority of whose  
12 members shall be composed of youth residing in that jurisdiction.  
13 It shall be the responsibility of the council to shape, guide, and help  
14 operate the nonschool hours services pursuant to this article.

15 (b) Ensure that libraries are welcoming to youth by providing  
16 flexible scheduling of youth services rendered in appropriate  
17 settings.

18 (c) Deploy staff specially trained to work with youth.

19 ~~18739. (a) For purposes of this article, the State Librarian~~  
20 ~~shall award grants to local public libraries, on a competitive basis,~~  
21 ~~in amounts not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) and not~~  
22 ~~more than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for each year over a~~  
23 ~~period of two years for the support of youth mentoring and safe~~  
24 ~~communities programs in public libraries. Grants awarded~~  
25 ~~pursuant to this section may be used for salaries of staff responsible~~  
26 ~~for developing or implementing the Youth Mentoring and Safe~~  
27 ~~Communities Grant Program and for administrative support staff,~~  
28 ~~equipment and supplies, training, and insurance. These grants~~  
29 ~~shall supplement, not supplant, existing library services and funds.~~

30 *18739. (a) For the purposes of this article, the State*  
31 *Librarian shall award grants to four public libraries, one in each*  
32 *of the north, south, east, and west geographical regions of the*  
33 *state. Strong consideration shall be given to libraries in*  
34 *low-income areas and areas where there are low-performing*  
35 *schools. These grants shall be awarded on a competitive basis, in*  
36 *amounts of no more than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) over*  
37 *a two-year period, for the purpose of implementing the Youth*  
38 *Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program in public*  
39 *libraries. Grants awarded to these four libraries pursuant to this*  
40 *section may be used for salaries of staff in these libraries, not to*



1 *exceed 25 percent of the grant. These grants shall supplement, not*  
2 *supplant, existing library services and funds.*

3 (b) All grants awarded in the second year pursuant to this  
4 section shall be matched by the library, library jurisdiction, or  
5 nonpublic entity with one dollar (\$1) for each four dollars (\$4)  
6 awarded. The match shall be contributed in cash, services, or other  
7 resources, with a total value comparable to the required match.

8 (c) No more than 10 percent of the amount appropriated in a  
9 fiscal year for the purposes of the Youth Mentoring and Safe  
10 Communities Grant Program may be used by the State Librarian  
11 for state-level administration, including, but not limited to,  
12 functions required pursuant to Sections 18739.2 and 18739.4.

13 ~~18739.2. The State Librarian shall develop and maintain a~~  
14 ~~website and publish a periodical that allows participating libraries~~  
15 ~~and library jurisdictions to share information about the youth~~  
16 ~~development and mentoring programs made available pursuant to~~  
17 ~~this chapter.~~

18 18739.4. The California State Library shall cause an  
19 evaluation of the effectiveness of the grants awarded under this  
20 article to be conducted by an independent entity. By January 1,  
21 2004, the State Librarian shall submit the results of the evaluation  
22 to the Governor and to the fiscal, education, and local government  
23 committees of the Assembly and Senate.

24 ~~18739.5. The State Librarian is required to implement this~~  
25 ~~article subject to an appropriation for that purpose in the Budget~~  
26 ~~Act.~~

27 *SEC. 3. The sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000)*  
28 *is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State*  
29 *Librarian for the purposes of the Youth Mentoring and Safe*  
30 *Communities Grant Program established pursuant to Article 4.6*  
31 *(commencing with Section 18736) of Chapter 4 of Part 11 of the*  
32 *Education Code.*

