

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1626

Introduced by Assembly Member Pescetti

February 23, 2001

An act to add Article 1 (commencing with Section 32070) to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1626, as introduced, Pescetti. School safety.

Existing law establishes the School Violence Prevention and Response Task Force and requires the task force to perform various duties, including, among others, analyzing and evaluating current statutes and programs in the area of school-based crisis prevention and response and making appropriate policy recommendations on how to enhance state and local programs and training to adequately prepare school districts and county offices of education to meet the challenges stemming from disruptive and violent acts, or both, on or near school campuses.

This bill would establish the California Safe Alternatives and Violence Education Program (SAVE) to provide nonpunitive intervention for adolescent first time offenders, ages 10 to 17, inclusive, who have been involved in violence or weapons possession on or near a school campus. The bill would require that the program be administered through the State Department of Education, subject to funding being appropriated for its purpose. The bill would require that the program be administered in conjunction with the State Attorney General, local law enforcement, and school districts.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 1 (commencing with Section 32070) is
2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 1. The California Safe Alternatives and Violence
5 Education Program

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7 32070. (a) There is hereby established the California Safe
8 Alternatives and Violence Education Program (SAVE) to provide
9 nonpunitive intervention for adolescent first time offenders, ages
10 10 to 17, inclusive, who have been involved in violence or
11 weapons possession on or near a school campus. The program
12 shall be administered through the State Department of Education,
13 subject to funding being appropriated for its purpose.

14 (b) The program shall be modeled upon successful SAVE
15 programs in San Jose and Sacramento, where recidivism among
16 program participants was 16 percent.

17 (c) The program shall be administered in conjunction with the
18 State Attorney General, local law enforcement, and school
19 districts.

