

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 116

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 85

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to state employee merit awards.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 116, Blakeslee. State employee merit awards.

This measure would declare that merit award payments in specified amounts, authorized by the Department of Personnel Administration, are made to specified current or retired state employees whose proposals have resulted in annual savings and net revenue gain to the state.

WHEREAS, Section 19823 of the Government Code authorizes the Department of Personnel Administration to make awards to current or retired state employees who propose procedures or ideas that are subsequently adopted and placed in effect and result in eliminating or reducing state expenditures or improving state operations; and

WHEREAS, Any award granted under Section 19823 of the Government Code in excess of \$5,000 must be approved by concurrent resolution of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Walker, an analyst at the Department of General Services responsible for the review of vendor contracts, suggested refinancing an unpaid balance of \$5,165,386 at a lower interest rate using the online California GS \$Mart Program, which resulted in a savings over the duration of the purchase term of \$537,948; and

WHEREAS, Jeremiah Cronk, a program technician at the Department of Personnel Administration, who is responsible for the review and processing of forms, developed an Excel spread sheet to automate difficult calculations of an individual's total state service, which resulted in a first-year savings of \$74,634; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Gordon, a medical technical assistant at the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, who assists medical and dental officers in medical examinations, developed a standardized clearance policy medical questionnaire and annual culinary medical clearance of inmate food handlers that resulted in first-year savings of \$90,018; and

WHEREAS, The savings generated by implementation of these suggestions will continue to be realized on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, As a result of actual savings generated from the implementation of these suggestions, it is unnecessary to appropriate

additional funds for payment of awards to these employees; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California hereby declares that merit award payments, authorized by the five-member Merit Award Board and the Department of Personnel Administration, are hereby made in amounts up to and including 10 percent of the first-year savings generated by each suggestion, as follows:

- (a) To Chuck Walker in the amount of \$26,897.
- (b) To Jeremiah Cronk in the amount of \$7,463.
- (c) To Gregory Gordon in the amount of \$9,002; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Controller and the Department of Personnel Administration.