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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1911

Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia

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An act relating to SAFE teams, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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AB 1911, as amended, Garcia. SAFE teams.

Existing law authorizes the establishment of county and regional Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) teams to reduce violent sexual assault offenses.

This bill would appropriate \$15 million to the Controller for distribution to ~~and participating county sheriff, city police, and probation departments~~ for implementation of county and regional SAFE teams for 3 years. The bill would require the Department of Justice to study the effectiveness of the SAFE team program and to report to the Department of Finance no later than June 30, ~~2010~~ 2009. The Department of Finance would be required to make the report available to the Legislature.

The bill would also set forth the findings and declarations of the Legislature in this regard.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares the
2 following:

3 (a) Habitual sexual assault offenders pose a significant risk to
4 the welfare and safety of the residents of California.

5 (b) Predatory sex offenders frequently travel to areas outside
6 of the jurisdictions in which they reside to evade surveillance and
7 possible arrest by local law enforcement agencies for probation
8 or parole violations.

9 (c) Recent data shows that approximately 44 percent of sexual
10 predators are not registering as required under Megan’s Law, and
11 that law enforcement officials are unaware of their current
12 location.

13 (d) The Legislature has encouraged the formation of regional
14 law enforcement task forces consisting of officers and agents
15 from several law enforcement agencies organized for the explicit
16 purpose of reducing violent sexual assaults through proactive
17 surveillance and arrests of habitual sexual offenders.

18 (e) The funding of the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement
19 (SAFE) teams is critical to tracking sexually violent predators
20 and protecting the welfare and safety of Californians.

21 SEC. 2. (a) (1) The sum of fifteen million dollars
22 (\$15,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to
23 the Controller for distribution for the implementation of county
24 and regional SAFE team programs pursuant to Chapter 9.7
25 (commencing with Section 13887) of Title 6 of Part 4 of the
26 Penal Code.

27 (2) The funds shall be used to implement SAFE teams for the
28 period commencing January 1, 2007, and ending January 1,
29 2010.

30 (b) The funds appropriated by this act shall be allocated by the
31 Controller as follows:

1 ~~(1) To Controller to~~ participating county sheriff and probation
2 departments and participating city police departments who
3 contribute officers to the SAFE task force for the purpose of
4 proactive monitoring, tracking, and arrest of habitual sex
5 offenders released into their jurisdictions.

6 ~~(2) To counties based on the number of sex offender~~
7 ~~registrants residing within respective SAFE team jurisdictions, as~~
8 ~~determined by the Department of Justice.~~

9 (c) The Department of Justice shall conduct a study of the
10 effectiveness of the SAFE team program and report its findings
11 and recommendations to the Department of Finance on or before
12 June 30, ~~2010~~ 2009. The Department of Finance shall make the
13 report available to the Legislature. The report shall include, but
14 not be limited to, the data measuring the objectives identified in
15 Section 13887.3 of the Penal Code.

16 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
17 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
18 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends
19 that date.

20 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
21 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
22 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
23 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

24 In order to protect the safety and welfare of California's
25 children and families, it is necessary for this act to take effect
26 immediately .