

Senate Bill No. 1062

CHAPTER 639

An act to amend Sections 6205, 6205.5, and 6206 of, and to amend the heading of Chapter 3.1 (commencing with Section 6205) of Division 7 of Title 1 of, the Government Code, to amend Section 124250 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 13823.15 of the Penal Code, relating to victims of crime.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1062, Bowen. Victims of crime: domestic violence and sexual assault.

(1) Existing law authorizes victims of domestic violence or stalking to complete an application in person at a community-based victims' assistance program to be approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of enabling state and local agencies to respond to requests for public records without disclosing a program participant's residence address contained in any public record and otherwise provide for confidentiality of identity for that person, subject to specified conditions. Any person who makes a false statement in an application is guilty of a misdemeanor.

This bill would include victims of sexual assault within these provisions. By including a new category of eligible persons, this bill would impose new duties on local public officials and expand the scope of an existing crime, thereby creating a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law provides that there is in the Office of Emergency Services a Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program that provides financial and technical assistance to domestic violence shelter service providers. Existing law also provides that the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall administer a comprehensive shelter-based grant program to battered women's shelters.

This bill would provide that if an agency receives funding from both programs during any grant cycle, the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program and the Maternal and Child Health Branch shall coordinate agency site visits and share performance assessment data to reduce administrative costs. This bill would make other conforming changes.

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that with regard to certain mandates, no reimbursement is required by the bill for a specified reason.

With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

(4) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 124250 of the Health and Safety Code, and in Section 13823.15 of the Penal Code, proposed by AB 2051, to be operative only if AB 2051 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2007, and this bill is chaptered last.

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

SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter 3.1 (commencing with Section 6205) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code is amended to read:

CHAPTER 3.1. ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY FOR VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

SEC. 2. Section 6205 of the Government Code is amended to read:

6205. The Legislature finds that persons attempting to escape from actual or threatened domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking frequently establish new names or addresses in order to prevent their assailants or probable assailants from finding them. The purpose of this chapter is to enable state and local agencies to respond to requests for public records without disclosing the changed name or location of a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to enable interagency cooperation with the Secretary of State in providing name and address confidentiality for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and to enable state and local agencies to accept a program participant's use of an address designated by the Secretary of State as a substitute mailing address.

SEC. 3. Section 6205.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

6205.5. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(a) "Address" means a residential street address, school address, or work address of an individual, as specified on the individual's application to be a program participant under this chapter.

(b) "Domestic violence" means an act as defined in Section 6211 of the Family Code.

(c) "Program participant" means a person certified as a program participant under Section 6206.

(d) "Sexual assault" means an act or attempt made punishable by Section 220, 261, 261.5, 262, 264.1, 266c, 269, 285, 286, 288, 288.5, 288a, 289, or 647.6 of the Penal Code.

(e) “Stalking” means an act as defined in Section 646.9 of the Penal Code.

SEC. 4. Section 6206 of the Government Code is amended to read:

6206. (a) An adult person, a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor, or a guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person may apply to the Secretary of State to have an address designated by the Secretary of State serve as the person’s address or the address of the minor or incapacitated person. An application shall be completed in person at a community-based victims’ assistance program. The application process shall include a requirement that the applicant shall meet with a victims’ assistance counselor and receive orientation information about the program. The Secretary of State shall approve an application if it is filed in the manner and on the form prescribed by the Secretary of State and if it contains all of the following:

(1) A sworn statement by the applicant that the applicant has good reason to believe both of the following:

(A) That the applicant, or the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application is made, is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(B) That the applicant fears for his or her safety or his or her children’s safety, or the safety of the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application is made.

(2) If the applicant alleges that the basis for the application is that the applicant, or the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application is made, is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, the application may be accompanied by evidence including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(A) Police, court, or other government agency records or files.

(B) Documentation from a domestic violence or sexual assault program if the person is alleged to be a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault.

(C) Documentation from a legal, clerical, medical, or other professional from whom the applicant or person on whose behalf the application is made has sought assistance in dealing with the alleged domestic violence or sexual assault.

(D) Any other evidence that supports the sworn statement, such as a statement from any other individual with knowledge of the circumstances that provides the basis for the claim, or physical evidence of the act or acts of domestic violence or sexual assault.

(3) If the applicant alleges that the basis for the application is that the applicant, or the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application is made, is a victim of stalking, the application shall be accompanied by evidence including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(A) Police, court, or other government agency records or files.

(B) Legal, clerical, medical, or other professional from whom the applicant or person on whose behalf the application is made has sought assistance in dealing with the alleged stalking.

(C) Any other evidence that supports the sworn statement, such as a sworn statement from any other individual with knowledge of the circumstances that provide the basis for the claim, or physical evidence of the act or acts of stalking.

(4) A statement of whether there are any existing court orders involving the applicant for child support, child custody, or child visitation, and whether there are any active court actions involving the applicant for child support, child custody, or child visitation, the name and address of legal counsel of record, and the last known address of the other parent or parents involved in those court orders or court actions.

(5) A designation of the Secretary of State as agent for purposes of service of process and for the purpose of receipt of mail.

(A) Service on the Secretary of State of any summons, writ, notice, demand, or process shall be made by delivering to the address confidentiality program personnel of the Office of the Secretary of State two copies of the summons, writ, notice, demand, or process.

(B) If a summons, writ, notice, demand, or process is served on the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall immediately cause a copy to be forwarded to the program participant at the address shown on the records of the address confidentiality program so that the summons, writ, notice, demand, or process is received by the program participant within three days of the Secretary of State's having received it.

(C) The Secretary of State shall keep a record of all summonses, writs, notices, demands, and processes served upon the Secretary of State under this section and shall record the time of that service and the Secretary of State's action.

(D) The office of the Secretary of State and any agent or person employed by the Secretary of State shall be held harmless from any liability in any action brought by any person injured or harmed as a result of the handling of first-class mail on behalf of program participants.

(6) The mailing address where the applicant can be contacted by the Secretary of State, and the phone number or numbers where the applicant can be called by the Secretary of State.

(7) The address or addresses that the applicant requests not be disclosed for the reason that disclosure will increase the risk of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(8) The signature of the applicant and of any individual or representative of any office designated in writing under Section 6208.5 who assisted in the preparation of the application, and the date on which the applicant signed the application.

(b) Applications shall be filed with the office of the Secretary of State.

(c) Upon filing a properly completed application, the Secretary of State shall certify the applicant as a program participant. Applicants shall be certified for four years following the date of filing unless the certification

is withdrawn or invalidated before that date. The Secretary of State shall by rule establish a renewal procedure.

(d) Upon certification, in any case where there are court orders or court actions identified in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) and there is no other or superseding court order dictating the specific terms of communication between the parties, the Secretary of State shall, within 10 days, notify the other parent or parents of the address designated by the Secretary of State for the program participant and the designation of the Secretary of State as agent for purposes of service of process. The notice shall be given by mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the last known address of the other parent to be notified. A copy shall also be sent to that parent's counsel of record.

(e) A person who falsely attests in an application that disclosure of the applicant's address would endanger the applicant's safety or the safety of the applicant's children or the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application is made, or who knowingly provides false or incorrect information upon making an application, is guilty of a misdemeanor. A notice shall be printed in bold type and in a conspicuous location on the face of the application informing the applicant of the penalties under this subdivision.

SEC. 5. Section 124250 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

124250. (a) The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this section:

(1) "Domestic violence" means the infliction or threat of physical harm against past or present adult or adolescent female intimate partners, and shall include physical, sexual, and psychological abuse against the woman, and is a part of a pattern of assaultive, coercive, and controlling behaviors directed at achieving compliance from or control over, that woman.

(2) "Shelter-based" means an established system of services where battered women and their children may be provided safe or confidential emergency housing on a 24-hour basis, including, but not limited to, hotel or motel arrangements, haven, and safe houses.

(3) "Emergency shelter" means a confidential or safe location that provides emergency housing on a 24-hour basis for battered women and their children.

(b) The Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall administer a comprehensive shelter-based services grant program to battered women's shelters pursuant to this section.

(c) The Maternal and Child Health Branch shall administer grants, awarded as the result of a request for application process, to battered women's shelters that propose to maintain shelters or services previously granted funding pursuant to this section, to expand existing services or create new services, and to establish new battered women's shelters to provide services, in any of the following four areas:

(1) Emergency shelter to women and their children escaping violent family situations.

(2) Transitional housing programs to help women and their children find housing and jobs so that they are not forced to choose between returning to a violent relationship or becoming homeless. The programs may offer up to 18 months of housing, case management, job training and placement, counseling, support groups, and classes in parenting and family budgeting.

(3) Legal and other types of advocacy and representation to help women and their children pursue the appropriate legal options.

(4) Other support services for battered women and their children.

(d) (1) The Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall conduct a minimum of one site visit per grant term to each agency funded to provide shelter-based services to battered women and their children. The purpose of the site visit shall be a performance assessment of, and technical assistance for, each agency visited. The performance assessment shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of all of the following:

(A) Progress in meeting program goals and objectives.

(B) Agency organization and facilities.

(C) Personnel policies, files, and training.

(D) Recordkeeping, budgeting, and expenditures.

(E) Documentation, data collection, and client confidentiality.

(2) Subsequent to each site visit conducted under paragraph (1), the Maternal and Child Health Branch shall provide a written report to the agency summarizing the agency's performance, any deficiencies noted, and any corrective action needed.

(3) If an agency receives funding from both the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services and the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program in the Office of Emergency Services during any grant cycle, the Maternal and Child Health Branch and the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program shall, to the extent feasible, coordinate agency site visits and share performance assessment data with the goal of improving efficiency, eliminating duplication, and reducing administrative costs.

(e) In implementing the grant program pursuant to this section, the State Department of Health Services shall consult with an advisory council that shall remain in existence until January 1, 2010. The council shall be composed of not to exceed 13 voting members and two nonvoting members appointed as follows:

(1) Seven members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(3) Three members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

(4) Two nonvoting ex officio members who shall be Members of the Legislature, one appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. Any Member of the Legislature appointed to the council shall meet with, and participate in the activities of, the council to the extent that participation is not incompatible with his or her position as a Member of the Legislature.

The membership of the council shall consist of domestic violence advocates, battered women service providers, and representatives of women's organizations, law enforcement, and other groups involved with domestic violence. At least one-half of the council membership shall consist of domestic violence advocates or battered women service providers from organizations such as the California Alliance Against Domestic Violence.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the council membership reflect the ethnic, racial, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state.

(f) The department shall collaborate closely with the council in the development of funding priorities, the framing of the Request for Proposals, and the solicitation of proposals.

(g) (1) The Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall administer grants, awarded as the result of a request for application process, to agencies to conduct demonstration projects to serve battered women, including, but not limited to, creative and innovative service approaches, such as community response teams and pilot projects to develop new interventions emphasizing prevention and education, and other support projects identified by the advisory council.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, "agency" means a state agency, a local government, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit organization.

(h) It is the intent of the Legislature that services funded by this program include services in underserved and ethnic and racial communities. Therefore, the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall do all of the following:

(1) Fund shelters pursuant to this section that reflect the ethnic, racial, economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state.

(2) Target geographic areas and ethnic and racial communities of the state whereby, based on a needs assessment, it is determined that no shelter-based services exist or that additional resources are necessary.

(i) The director may award additional grants to shelter-based agencies when it is determined that there exists a critical need for shelter or shelter-based services.

(j) As a condition of receiving funding pursuant to this section, battered women's shelters shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide matching funds or in-kind contributions equivalent to not less than 20 percent of the grant they would receive. The matching funds or in-kind contributions may come from other governmental or private sources.

(2) Ensure that appropriate staff and volunteers having client contact meet the definition of "domestic violence counselor" as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code. The minimum training specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code shall be provided to those staff and volunteers who do not meet the requirements of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code.

SEC. 5.5. Section 124250 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

124250. (a) The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this section:

(1) “Domestic violence” means the infliction or threat of physical harm against past or present adult or adolescent female intimate partners, and shall include physical, sexual, and psychological abuse against the woman, and is a part of a pattern of assaultive, coercive, and controlling behaviors directed at achieving compliance from or control over, that woman.

(2) “Shelter-based” means an established system of services where battered women and their children may be provided safe or confidential emergency housing on a 24-hour basis, including, but not limited to, hotel or motel arrangements, haven, and safe houses.

(3) “Emergency shelter” means a confidential or safe location that provides emergency housing on a 24-hour basis for battered women and their children.

(b) The Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall administer a comprehensive shelter-based services grant program to battered women’s shelters pursuant to this section.

(c) The Maternal and Child Health Branch shall administer grants, awarded as the result of a request for application process, to battered women’s shelters that propose to maintain shelters or services previously granted funding pursuant to this section, to expand existing services or create new services, and to establish new battered women’s shelters to provide services, in any of the following four areas:

(1) Emergency shelter to women and their children escaping violent family situations.

(2) Transitional housing programs to help women and their children find housing and jobs so that they are not forced to choose between returning to a violent relationship or becoming homeless. The programs may offer up to 18 months of housing, case management, job training and placement, counseling, support groups, and classes in parenting and family budgeting.

(3) Legal and other types of advocacy and representation to help women and their children pursue the appropriate legal options.

(4) Other support services for battered women and their children.

(d) (1) The Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall conduct a minimum of one site visit per grant term to each agency funded to provide shelter-based services to battered women and their children. The purpose of the site visit shall be a performance assessment of, and technical assistance for, each agency visited. The performance assessment shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of all of the following:

(A) Progress in meeting program goals and objectives.

(B) Agency organization and facilities.

(C) Personnel policies, files, and training.

(D) Recordkeeping, budgeting, and expenditures.

(E) Documentation, data collection, and client confidentiality.

(2) Subsequent to each site visit conducted under paragraph (1), the Maternal and Child Health Branch shall provide a written report to the agency summarizing the agency's performance, any deficiencies noted, and any corrective action needed.

(3) If an agency receives funding from both the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services and the Domestic Violence Program in the Office of Emergency Services during any grant cycle, the Maternal and Child Health Branch and the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program shall, to the extent feasible, coordinate agency site visits and share performance assessment data with the goal of improving efficiency, eliminating duplication, and reducing administrative costs.

(e) In implementing the grant program pursuant to this section, the State Department of Health Services shall consult with an advisory council that shall remain in existence until January 1, 2010. The council shall be composed of not to exceed 13 voting members and two nonvoting ex officio members appointed as follows:

(1) Seven members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(3) Three members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

(4) Two nonvoting ex officio members who shall be Members of the Legislature, one appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. Any Member of the Legislature appointed to the council shall meet with, and participate in the activities of, the council to the extent that participation is not incompatible with his or her position as a Member of the Legislature.

The membership of the council shall consist of domestic violence advocates, battered women service providers, and representatives of women's organizations, law enforcement, and other groups involved with domestic violence, and at least one representative of service providers serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community for purposes of domestic violence. At least one-half of the council membership shall consist of domestic violence advocates or battered women service providers from organizations such as the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the council membership reflect the ethnic, racial, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state.

(f) The department shall collaborate closely with the council in the development of funding priorities, the framing of the Request for Proposals, and the solicitation of proposals.

(g) (1) The Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall administer grants, awarded as the result of a request for application process, to agencies to conduct demonstration projects to serve battered women and their children, including, but not limited to, creative and innovative service approaches, such as community response teams and pilot projects to develop new interventions

emphasizing prevention and education, and other support projects identified by the advisory council.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, “agency” means a state agency, a local government, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit organization.

(h) It is the intent of the Legislature that services funded by this program include services for battered women in underserved communities, including the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, and ethnic and racial communities. Therefore, the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services shall do all of the following:

(1) Fund shelters pursuant to this section that reflect the ethnic, racial, economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state.

(2) Target geographic areas and ethnic and racial communities of the state whereby, based on a needs assessment, it is determined that no shelter-based services for battered women exist or that additional resources are necessary.

(i) The director may award additional grants to shelter-based agencies when it is determined that there exists a critical need for shelter or shelter-based services.

(j) As a condition of receiving funding pursuant to this section, battered women’s shelters shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide matching funds or in-kind contributions equivalent to not less than 20 percent of the grant they would receive. The matching funds or in-kind contributions may come from other governmental or private sources.

(2) Ensure that appropriate staff and volunteers having client contact meet the definition of “domestic violence counselor” as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code. The minimum training specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code shall be provided to those staff and volunteers who do not meet the requirements of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code.

SEC. 6. Section 13823.15 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

13823.15. (a) The Legislature finds the problem of domestic violence to be of serious and increasing magnitude. The Legislature also finds that existing domestic violence services are underfunded and that some areas of the state are unserved or underserved. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that a goal or purpose of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) shall be to ensure that all victims of domestic violence served by the OES Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program receive comprehensive, quality services.

(b) There is in the OES a Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program. The goals of the program shall be to provide local assistance to existing service providers, to maintain and expand services based on a demonstrated need, and to establish a targeted or directed program for the development and establishment of domestic violence services in currently

unserved and underserved areas. The OES shall provide financial and technical assistance to local domestic violence centers in implementing all of the following services:

- (1) Twenty-four-hour crisis hotlines.
- (2) Counseling.
- (3) Business centers.
- (4) Emergency “safe” homes or shelters for victims and families.
- (5) Emergency food and clothing.
- (6) Emergency response to calls from law enforcement.
- (7) Hospital emergency room protocol and assistance.
- (8) Emergency transportation.
- (9) Supportive peer counseling.
- (10) Counseling for children.
- (11) Court and social service advocacy.
- (12) Legal assistance with temporary restraining orders, devices, and custody disputes.
- (13) Community resource and referral.
- (14) Household establishment assistance.

Priority for financial and technical assistance shall be given to emergency shelter programs and “safe” homes for victims of domestic violence and their children.

(c) Except as provided in subdivision (f), the OES and the advisory committee established pursuant to Section 13823.16 shall collaboratively administer the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program, and shall allocate funds to local centers meeting the criteria for funding. All organizations funded pursuant to this section shall utilize volunteers to the greatest extent possible.

The centers may seek, receive, and make use of any funds which may be available from all public and private sources to augment any state funds received pursuant to this section.

Centers receiving funding shall provide cash or an in-kind match of at least 10 percent of the funds received pursuant to this section.

(d) The OES shall conduct statewide training workshops on domestic violence for local centers, law enforcement, and other service providers designed to enhance service programs. The workshops shall be planned in conjunction with practitioners and experts in the field of domestic violence prevention.

(e) The OES shall develop and disseminate throughout the state information and materials concerning domestic violence. The OES shall also establish a resource center for the collection, retention, and distribution of educational materials related to domestic violence. The OES may utilize and contract with existing domestic violence technical assistance centers in this state in complying with the requirements of this subdivision.

(f) The funding process for distributing grant awards to domestic violence shelter service providers (DVSSPs) shall be administered by the OES as follows:

(1) The OES shall establish each of the following:

(A) The process and standards for determining whether to grant, renew, or deny funding to any DVSSP applying or reapplying for funding under the terms of the program.

(B) For DVSSPs applying for grants under the RFP process described in paragraph (2), a system for grading grant applications in relation to the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A), and an appeal process for applications that are denied. A description of this grading system and appeal process shall be provided to all DVSSPs as part of the application required under the RFP process.

(C) For DVSSPs reapplying for funding under the RFA process described in paragraph (4), a system for grading the performance of DVSSPs in relation to the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A), and an appeal process for decisions to deny or reduce funding. A description of this grading system and appeal process shall be provided to all DVSSPs receiving grants under this program.

(2) Grants for shelters that were not funded in the previous cycle shall be awarded as a result of a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process. The RFP process shall comply with all applicable state and federal statutes for domestic violence shelter funding, and to the extent possible, the response to the RFP shall not exceed 25 narrative pages, excluding attachments.

(3) Grants shall be awarded to DVSSPs that propose to maintain shelters or services previously granted funding pursuant to this section, to expand existing services or create new services, or to establish new domestic violence shelters in underserved or unserved areas. Each grant shall be awarded for a three-year term.

(4) DVSSPs reapplying for grants shall not be subject to a competitive grant process, but shall be subject to a request for application (RFA) process. The RFA process shall consist in part of an assessment of the past performance history of the DVSSP in relation to the standards established pursuant to paragraph (1). The RFA process shall comply with all applicable state and federal statutes for domestic violence center funding, and to the extent possible, the response to the RFA shall not exceed 10 narrative pages, excluding attachments.

(5) Any DVSSP funded through this program in the previous grant cycle, including any DVSSP funded by Chapter 707 of the Statutes of 2001, shall be funded upon reapplication, unless, pursuant to the assessment required under the RFA process, its past performance history fails to meet the standards established by the OES pursuant to paragraph (1).

(6) The OES shall conduct a minimum of one site visit every three years for each DVSSP funded pursuant to this subdivision. The purpose of the site visit shall be to conduct a performance assessment of, and provide subsequent technical assistance for, each shelter visited. The performance assessment shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of all of the following:

- (A) Progress in meeting program goals and objectives.
- (B) Agency organization and facilities.
- (C) Personnel policies, files, and training.
- (D) Recordkeeping, budgeting, and expenditures.
- (E) Documentation, data collection, and client confidentiality.

(7) After each site visit conducted pursuant to paragraph (6), the OES shall provide a written report to the DVSSP summarizing the performance of the DVSSP, any deficiencies noted, any corrective action needed, and a deadline for corrective action to be completed. The OES shall also develop a corrective action plan for verifying the completion of any corrective action required. The OES shall submit its written report to the DVSSP no more than 60 days after the site visit. No grant under the RFA process shall be denied if the DVSSP has not received a site visit during the previous three years, unless the OES is aware of criminal violations relative to the administration of grant funding.

(8) If an agency receives funding from both the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program in the Office of Emergency Services and the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services during any grant cycle, the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program and the Maternal and Child Health Branch shall, to the extent feasible, coordinate agency site visits and share performance assessment data with the goal of improving efficiency, eliminating duplication, and reducing administrative costs.

(9) DVSSPs receiving written reports of deficiencies or orders for corrective action after a site visit shall be given no less than six months' time to take corrective action before the deficiencies or failure to correct may be considered in the next RFA process. However, the OES shall have the discretion to reduce the time to take corrective action in cases where the deficiencies present a significant health or safety risk or when other severe circumstances are found to exist. If corrective action is deemed necessary, and a DVSSP fails to comply, or if other deficiencies exist that, in the judgment of the OES, cannot be corrected, the OES shall determine, using its grading system, whether continued funding for the DVSSP should be reduced or denied altogether. If a DVSSP has been determined to be deficient, the OES may, at any point during the DVSSP's funding cycle following the expiration of the period for corrective action, deny or reduce any further funding.

(10) If a DVSSP applies or reapplies for funding pursuant to this section and that funding is denied or reduced, the decision to deny or reduce funding shall be provided in writing to the DVSSP, along with a written explanation of the reasons for the reduction or denial made in accordance with the grading system for the RFP or RFA process. Except as otherwise provided, any appeal of the decision to deny or reduce funding shall be made in accordance with the appeal process established by the OES. The appeal process shall allow a DVSSP a minimum of 30 days to appeal after a decision to deny or reduce funding. All pending appeals shall be resolved before final funding decisions are reached.

(11) It is the intent of the Legislature that priority for additional funds that become available shall be given to currently funded, new, or previously unfunded DVSSPs for expansion of services. However, the OES may determine when expansion is needed to accommodate underserved or unserved areas. If supplemental funding is unavailable, the OES shall have the authority to lower the base level of grants to all currently funded DVSSPs in order to provide funding for currently funded, new, or previously unfunded DVSSPs that will provide services in underserved or unserved areas. However, to the extent reasonable, funding reductions shall be reduced proportionately among all currently funded DVSSPs. After the amount of funding reductions has been determined, DVSSPs that are currently funded and those applying for funding shall be notified of changes in the available level of funding prior to the next application process. Funding reductions made under this paragraph shall not be subject to appeal.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, OES may reduce funding to a DVSSP funded pursuant to this section if federal funding support is reduced. Funding reductions as a result of a reduction in federal funding shall not be subject to appeal.

(13) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede any function or duty required by federal acts, rules, regulations, or guidelines for the distribution of federal grants.

(14) As a condition of receiving funding pursuant to this section, DVSSPs shall do all of the following:

(A) Provide matching funds or in-kind contributions equivalent to not less than 10 percent of the grant they would receive. The matching funds or in-kind contributions may come from other governmental or private sources.

(B) Ensure that appropriate staff and volunteers having client contact meet the definition of “domestic violence counselor” as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code. The minimum training specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code shall be provided to those staff and volunteers who do not meet the requirements of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code.

(15) The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this subdivision:

(A) “Domestic violence” means the infliction or threat of physical harm against past or present adult or adolescent female intimate partners, including physical, sexual, and psychological abuse against the woman, and is a part of a pattern of assaultive, coercive, and controlling behaviors directed at achieving compliance from or control over that woman.

(B) “Domestic violence shelter service provider” or “DVSSP” means a victim services provider that operates an established system of services providing safe and confidential emergency housing on a 24-hour basis for victims of domestic violence and their children, including, but not limited to, hotel or motel arrangements, haven, and safe houses.

(C) “Emergency shelter” means a confidential or safe location that provides emergency housing on a 24-hour basis for victims of domestic violence and their children.

(g) The OES may hire the support staff and utilize all resources necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. The OES shall not utilize more than 10 percent of any funds appropriated for the purpose of the program established by this section for the administration of that program.

SEC. 6.5. Section 13823.15 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

13823.15. (a) The Legislature finds the problem of domestic violence to be of serious and increasing magnitude. The Legislature also finds that existing domestic violence services are underfunded and that some areas of the state are unserved or underserved. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that a goal or purpose of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) shall be to ensure that all victims of domestic violence served by the OES Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program receive comprehensive, quality services.

(b) There is in the OES a Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program. The goals of the program shall be to provide local assistance to existing service providers, to maintain and expand services based on a demonstrated need, and to establish a targeted or directed program for the development and establishment of domestic violence services in currently unserved and underserved areas. The OES shall provide financial and technical assistance to local domestic violence centers in implementing all of the following services:

- (1) Twenty-four-hour crisis hotlines.
- (2) Counseling.
- (3) Business centers.
- (4) Emergency “safe” homes or shelters for victims and families.
- (5) Emergency food and clothing.
- (6) Emergency response to calls from law enforcement.
- (7) Hospital emergency room protocol and assistance.
- (8) Emergency transportation.
- (9) Supportive peer counseling.
- (10) Counseling for children.
- (11) Court and social service advocacy.
- (12) Legal assistance with temporary restraining orders, devices, and custody disputes.
- (13) Community resource and referral.
- (14) Household establishment assistance.

Priority for financial and technical assistance shall be given to emergency shelter programs and “safe” homes for victims of domestic violence and their children.

(c) Except as provided in subdivision (f), the OES and the advisory committee established pursuant to Section 13823.16 shall collaboratively administer the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program, and shall allocate funds to local centers meeting the criteria for funding. All

organizations funded pursuant to this section shall utilize volunteers to the greatest extent possible.

The centers may seek, receive, and make use of any funds which may be available from all public and private sources to augment any state funds received pursuant to this section.

Centers receiving funding shall provide cash or an in-kind match of at least 10 percent of the funds received pursuant to this section.

(d) The OES shall conduct statewide training workshops on domestic violence for local centers, law enforcement, and other service providers designed to enhance service programs. The workshops shall be planned in conjunction with practitioners and experts in the field of domestic violence prevention. The workshops shall include a curriculum component on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender specific domestic abuse.

(e) The OES shall develop and disseminate throughout the state information and materials concerning domestic violence. The OES shall also establish a resource center for the collection, retention, and distribution of educational materials related to domestic violence. The OES may utilize and contract with existing domestic violence technical assistance centers in this state in complying with the requirements of this subdivision.

(f) The funding process for distributing grant awards to domestic violence shelter service providers (DVSSPs) shall be administered by the OES as follows:

(1) The OES shall establish each of the following:

(A) The process and standards for determining whether to grant, renew, or deny funding to any DVSSP applying or reapplying for funding under the terms of the program.

(B) For DVSSPs applying for grants under the request for proposal process described in paragraph (2), a system for grading grant applications in relation to the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A), and an appeal process for applications that are denied. A description of this grading system and appeal process shall be provided to all DVSSPs as part of the application required under the RFP process.

(C) For DVSSPs reapplying for funding under the request for application process described in paragraph (4), a system for grading the performance of DVSSPs in relation to the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A), and an appeal process for decisions to deny or reduce funding. A description of this grading system and appeal process shall be provided to all DVSSPs receiving grants under this program.

(2) Grants for shelters that were not funded in the previous cycle shall be awarded as a result of a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process. The RFP process shall comply with all applicable state and federal statutes for domestic violence shelter funding, and to the extent possible, the response to the RFP shall not exceed 25 narrative pages, excluding attachments.

(3) Grants shall be awarded to DVSSPs that propose to maintain shelters or services previously granted funding pursuant to this section, to

expand existing services or create new services, or to establish new domestic violence shelters in underserved or unserved areas. Each grant shall be awarded for a three-year term.

(4) DVSSPs reapplying for grants shall not be subject to a competitive grant process, but shall be subject to a request for application (RFA) process. The RFA process shall consist in part of an assessment of the past performance history of the DVSSP in relation to the standards established pursuant to paragraph (1). The RFA process shall comply with all applicable state and federal statutes for domestic violence center funding, and to the extent possible, the response to the RFA shall not exceed 10 narrative pages, excluding attachments.

(5) Any DVSSP funded through this program in the previous grant cycle, including any DVSSP funded by Chapter 707 of the Statutes of 2001, shall be funded upon reapplication, unless, pursuant to the assessment required under the RFA process, its past performance history fails to meet the standards established by the OES pursuant to paragraph (1).

(6) The OES shall conduct a minimum of one site visit every three years for each DVSSP funded pursuant to this subdivision. The purpose of the site visit shall be to conduct a performance assessment of, and provide subsequent technical assistance for, each shelter visited. The performance assessment shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of all of the following:

- (A) Progress in meeting program goals and objectives.
- (B) Agency organization and facilities.
- (C) Personnel policies, files, and training.
- (D) Recordkeeping, budgeting, and expenditures.
- (E) Documentation, data collection, and client confidentiality.

(7) After each site visit conducted pursuant to paragraph (6), the OES shall provide a written report to the DVSSP summarizing the performance of the DVSSP, any deficiencies noted, any corrective action needed, and a deadline for corrective action to be completed. The OES shall also develop a corrective action plan for verifying the completion of any corrective action required. The OES shall submit its written report to the DVSSP no more than 60 days after the site visit. No grant under the RFA process shall be denied if the DVSSP has not received a site visit during the previous three years, unless the OES is aware of criminal violations relative to the administration of grant funding.

(8) If an agency receives funding from both the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program in the Office of Emergency Services and the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services during any grant cycle, the Comprehensive Statewide Domestic Violence Program and the Maternal and Child Health Branch shall, to the extent feasible, coordinate agency site visits and share performance assessment data with the goal of improving efficiency, eliminating duplication, and reducing administrative costs.

(9) DVSSPs receiving written reports of deficiencies or orders for corrective action after a site visit shall be given no less than six months' time to take corrective action before the deficiencies or failure to correct may be considered in the next RFA process. However, the OES shall have the discretion to reduce the time to take corrective action in cases where the deficiencies present a significant health or safety risk or when other severe circumstances are found to exist. If corrective action is deemed necessary, and a DVSSP fails to comply, or if other deficiencies exist that, in the judgment of the OES, cannot be corrected, the OES shall determine, using its grading system, whether continued funding for the DVSSP should be reduced or denied altogether. If a DVSSP has been determined to be deficient, the OES may, at any point during the DVSSP's funding cycle following the expiration of the period for corrective action, deny or reduce any further funding.

(10) If a DVSSP applies or reapplies for funding pursuant to this section and that funding is denied or reduced, the decision to deny or reduce funding shall be provided in writing to the DVSSP, along with a written explanation of the reasons for the reduction or denial made in accordance with the grading system for the RFP or RFA process. Except as otherwise provided, any appeal of the decision to deny or reduce funding shall be made in accordance with the appeal process established by the OES. The appeal process shall allow a DVSSP a minimum of 30 days to appeal after a decision to deny or reduce funding. All pending appeals shall be resolved before final funding decisions are reached.

(11) It is the intent of the Legislature that priority for additional funds that become available shall be given to currently funded, new, or previously unfunded DVSSPs for expansion of services. However, the OES may determine when expansion is needed to accommodate underserved or unserved areas. If supplemental funding is unavailable, the OES shall have the authority to lower the base level of grants to all currently funded DVSSPs in order to provide funding for currently funded, new, or previously unfunded DVSSPs that will provide services in underserved or unserved areas. However, to the extent reasonable, funding reductions shall be reduced proportionately among all currently funded DVSSPs. After the amount of funding reductions has been determined, DVSSPs that are currently funded and those applying for funding shall be notified of changes in the available level of funding prior to the next application process. Funding reductions made under this paragraph shall not be subject to appeal.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, OES may reduce funding to a DVSSP funded pursuant to this section if federal funding support is reduced. Funding reductions as a result of a reduction in federal funding shall not be subject to appeal.

(13) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede any function or duty required by federal acts, rules, regulations, or guidelines for the distribution of federal grants.

(14) As a condition of receiving funding pursuant to this section, DVSSPs shall do all of the following:

(A) Provide matching funds or in-kind contributions equivalent to not less than 10 percent of the grant they would receive. The matching funds or in-kind contributions may come from other governmental or private sources.

(B) Ensure that appropriate staff and volunteers having client contact meet the definition of “domestic violence counselor” as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code. The minimum training specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code shall be provided to those staff and volunteers who do not meet the requirements of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1037.1 of the Evidence Code.

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SEC. 7. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

However, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains other costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

SEC. 8. Section 5.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 124250 of the Health and Safety Code proposed by both this bill and AB 2051. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2007, (2) each bill amends Section 124250 of the Health and Safety Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 2051, in which case Section 5 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 9. Section 6.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 13823.15 of the Penal Code proposed by both this bill and AB 2051. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2007, (2) each bill amends Section 13823.15 of the Penal Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 2051, in which case Section 6 of this bill shall not become operative.