

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1290

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

February 23, 2007

~~An act relating to criminal street gangs.~~ *An act to add and repeal Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 13829) to Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to crime.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1290, as amended, Mendoza. ~~Criminal street gangs.~~ *Community crime prevention.*

Existing law establishes the California Gang, Crime, and Violence Prevention Partnership Program to partner with and provide funds to local agencies, as specified, that provide services and activities designed to prevent or deter at-risk youth from participating in gangs, criminal activity, or violent behavior. Existing law also establishes the Gang Violence Suppression Program to provide funding to local organizations and agencies that are primarily engaged in the suppression of gang violence.

~~This bill would state legislative intent to enact legislation to further decrease gang activity and violence~~ *establish a community crime prevention pilot program in each of 4 Assembly districts, as specified. As part of the program, the bill would authorize representatives from police departments, school districts, and municipal governments within each of the Assembly districts to form a joint powers agency for the purpose of sharing resources, law enforcement tools, and crime prevention strategies. The bill would require each joint powers agency to hire a coordinator and grant writer, as specified. By June 30, 2011,*

each joint powers agency would be required to report back to the public safety committees of the Legislature on the effectiveness of the program in reducing crime and gang activity in that Assembly district.

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

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

1 SECTION. 1. Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 13829)
2 is added to Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 3.8. COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION
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6 13829. (a) There is hereby established a community crime
7 prevention pilot program in each of four Assembly districts. The
8 four districts shall include the 56th Assembly District, and three
9 others to be selected.

10 (b) Representatives from police departments, school districts,
11 and municipal governments within each of the Assembly districts
12 may form a joint powers agency pursuant to Chapter 5
13 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the
14 Government Code, for the purpose of sharing resources, law
15 enforcement tools, and crime prevention strategies. Any joint
16 powers agency so formed shall have all the powers and rights of
17 any of the parties to the agency, including the power to enter into
18 contracts for services.

19 13829.1. Each joint powers agency shall hire a coordinator
20 and grant writer.

21 (a) The duties of the coordinator shall be to seek input from the
22 joint powers agency, local business persons, and relevant
23 community based organizations about the needs of the community,
24 and to coordinate those needs and ideas from all interested parties
25 with the available resources in the community. One aspect of that
26 duty shall be to locate, create, or enhance job training and
27 employment opportunities for at-risk youth.

28 (b) The duties of the grant writer shall be to seek funding for
29 suggested programs, including, but not limited to, gang prevention
30 and intervention programs, and job training programs. Funding
31 sources may be public, private, or nonprofit.

1 13829.2. *Each joint powers agency formed pursuant to this*
2 *chapter shall report to the Committee on Public Safety of each*
3 *house of the Legislature by June 30, 2011, on the effectiveness of*
4 *the program in reducing crime and gang activity in that Assembly*
5 *district.*

6 13829.3. *This chapter shall remain in effect only until January*
7 *1, 2012, and as of that date is repealed.*

8 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
9 ~~legislation to further decrease gang activity and violence.~~