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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1669**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Leno** *Members Leno and Spitzer*  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Romero)

February 23, 2007

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An act to add Section 13963.1 to the Government Code, relating to grants for trauma centers, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1669, as amended, Leno. Crime victims: trauma center grants.

The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board administers a program to assist state residents to obtain compensation for their pecuniary losses suffered as a direct result of criminal acts. Payment is made under these provisions from the Restitution Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the board for these purposes.

This bill would authorize the board to administer a program to award up to \$3,000,000 in grants, annually, to trauma centers, as defined, with each grant no more than \$1,000,000. By expanding the scope of services for which continuously appropriated funds are available, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 13963.1 is added to the Government  
2 Code, to read:

3 13963.1. (a) The board shall administer a program to evaluate  
4 applications and award grants to trauma centers.

5 (b) The board shall only award a grant to a trauma center that  
6 meets all of the following criteria:

7 (1) The trauma center demonstrates that it will match the amount  
8 of funds awarded by the board with funds from sources other than  
9 the board.

10 (2) The trauma center demonstrates that it serves as a community  
11 resource by providing services, including, but not limited to,  
12 making presentations and providing training to law enforcement,  
13 community-based agencies, and other health care providers on the  
14 identification and effects of violent crime.

15 (3) Any other related criteria required by the board.

16 (c) The board may award grants totaling up to three million  
17 dollars (\$3,000,000) per year, with each grant no more than one  
18 million dollars (\$1,000,000). All grants shall be funded only from  
19 the Restitution Fund.

20 (d) The board may award a grant providing funding for up to a  
21 maximum period of two years. Any portion of a grant that a trauma  
22 center does not use within the specified grant period shall revert  
23 to the Restitution Fund. ~~A trauma center may apply for renewal~~  
24 ~~of a grant for an additional period of up to two years.~~ *The board*  
25 *may award consecutive grants to a trauma center to prevent a*  
26 *lapse in funding. The board shall not award a trauma center more*  
27 *than one grant for any period of time.*

28 (e) The board, when considering grant applications, shall give  
29 preference to a trauma center that conducts outreach to, and serves,  
30 both of the following:

31 (1) Crime victims who typically are unable to access traditional  
32 services, including, but not limited to, victims who are homeless,  
33 chronically mentally ill, of diverse ethnicity, members of immigrant  
34 and refugee groups, disabled, or who have severe trauma-related  
35 symptoms or complex psychological issues.

36 (2) Victims of a wide range of crimes, including, but not limited  
37 to, victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, physical assault,

1 shooting, stabbing, and vehicular assault, and family members of  
2 homicide victims.

3 (f) A trauma center that is awarded a grant shall do both of the  
4 following:

5 (1) Report to the board at the end of the grant period on how  
6 grant funds were spent, how many clients were served (counting  
7 an individual client who receives multiple services only once),  
8 units of service, staff productivity, treatment outcomes, and patient  
9 flow throughout both the clinical and evaluation components of  
10 service.

11 (2) Assist the board with any forms or data collection that will  
12 enable the board to qualify for federal reimbursement of the costs  
13 of providing services to crime victims at the trauma center.

14 (g) For purposes of this section, a “trauma center” provides,  
15 including, but not limited to, all of the following resources,  
16 treatment, and recovery services to crime victims:

17 (1) Mental health services.

18 (2) Assertive community-based outreach.

19 (3) Coordination of care among medical and mental health care  
20 providers, law enforcement agencies, and other social services.

21 (4) Services to family members and loved ones of homicide  
22 victims.

23 (5) A multidisciplinary staff of clinicians that includes  
24 psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers.