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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1738

Introduced by Assembly Member Tran

February 4, 2010

An act to amend Section 6228 of the Family Code, relating to domestic violence.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1738, as amended, Tran. Domestic violence incident report.

Existing law requires state and local law enforcement agencies to provide one copy of all domestic violence incident reports, one copy of all domestic violence incident report face sheets, or both, to a victim of domestic violence, upon request. Existing law also requires law enforcement agencies to provide those documents to a representative of the victim, as defined, if the victim is deceased. Existing law provides that any person requesting those documents is required to present his or her identification, as specified, and, if that person is a representative of the victim, a certified copy of the death certificate or other satisfactory evidence of the death of the victim.

This bill would require state and local law enforcement agencies to provide those documents to the victim's representative when the victim is not deceased, subject to certain requirements. The bill would also revise the definition of "personal representative" to additionally include the victim's attorney ~~and~~, members of the victim's immediate family, *and a conservator or guardian of the victim*, as specified. By imposing

additional duties on local officials, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

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, 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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6228 of the Family Code is amended to
2 read:

3 6228. (a) State and local law enforcement agencies shall
4 provide, without charging a fee, one copy of all domestic violence
5 incident report face sheets, one copy of all domestic violence
6 incident reports, or both, to a victim of domestic violence, or to
7 his or her representative as defined in subdivision (g), upon request.
8 For purposes of this section, “domestic violence” has the definition
9 given in Section 6211.

10 (b) A copy of a domestic violence incident report face sheet
11 shall be made available during regular business hours to a victim
12 of domestic violence or his or her representative no later than 48
13 hours after being requested by the victim or his or her
14 representative, unless the state or local law enforcement agency
15 informs the victim or his or her representative of the reasons why,
16 for good cause, the domestic violence incident report face sheet
17 is not available, in which case the domestic violence incident report
18 face sheet shall be made available to the victim or his or her
19 representative no later than five working days after the request is
20 made.

21 (c) A copy of the domestic violence incident report shall be
22 made available during regular business hours to a victim of
23 domestic violence or his or her representative no later than five
24 working days after being requested by a victim or his or her
25 representative, unless the state or local law enforcement agency
26 informs the victim or his or her representative of the reasons why,

1 for good cause, the domestic violence incident report is not
2 available, in which case the domestic violence incident report shall
3 be made available to the victim or his or her representative no later
4 than 10 working days after the request is made.

5 (d) Any person requesting copies under this section shall present
6 state or local law enforcement with his or her identification, such
7 as a current, valid driver's license, a state-issued identification
8 card, or a passport and, if the person is a representative of the
9 victim and the victim is deceased, a certified copy of the death
10 certificate or other satisfactory evidence of the death of the victim
11 at the time a request is made.

12 (e) This section shall apply to requests for face sheets or reports
13 made within five years from the date of completion of the domestic
14 violence incident report.

15 (f) This section shall be known, and may be cited, as the Access
16 to Domestic Violence Reports Act of 1999.

17 (g) (1) For purposes of this section, if the victim is deceased,
18 a representative of the victim means any of the following:

19 (A) The surviving spouse.

20 (B) A surviving child of the decedent who has attained 18 years
21 of age.

22 (C) A domestic partner, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section
23 297.

24 (D) A surviving parent of the decedent.

25 (E) A surviving adult relative.

26 (F) *The personal representative of the victim, as defined in*
27 *Section 58 of the Probate Code, if one is appointed.*

28 (G) The public administrator if one has been appointed.

29 (2) For purposes of this section, if the victim is not deceased, a
30 representative of the victim means either of the following:

31 (A) A parent, sibling, or adult child of the victim, who shall
32 present to law enforcement his or her identification and a signed
33 authorization by the victim allowing that family member to act on
34 behalf of the victim.

35 (B) An attorney for the victim, who shall present to law
36 enforcement his or her identification and written proof that he or
37 she is the attorney for the victim.

38 (C) *A conservator or guardian of the victim.*

39 (3) A representative of the victim does not include any person
40 who has been convicted of murder in the first degree, as defined

1 in Section 189 of the Penal Code, of the victim, or any person
2 identified in the incident report face sheet as a suspect.

3 (4) Domestic violence incident report face sheets may not be
4 provided to a representative of the victim unless both of the
5 following conditions are met:

6 (A) The representative presents his or her identification, such
7 as a current, valid driver’s license, a state-issued identification
8 card, or a passport.

9 (B) The representative presents one of the following:

10 (i) If the victim is deceased, a certified copy of the death
11 certificate or other satisfactory evidence of the death of the victim
12 at the time of the request.

13 (ii) If the victim is alive, a written authorization signed by the
14 victim making him or her the victim’s personal representative.

15 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
16 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
17 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
18 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
19 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.