

Introduced by Senator PavleyFebruary 19, 2010

An act to add Chapter 4.4 (commencing with Section 18259.7) to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to sexually exploited minors.

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SB 1279, as introduced, Pavley. Commercially sexually exploited minors.

Existing law, until January 1, 2012, authorizes the District Attorney of Alameda County to create a pilot project, contingent upon local funding, for the purposes of developing a comprehensive, replicative, multidisciplinary model to address the needs and effective treatment of commercially sexually exploited minors, as specified. Existing law authorizes the District Attorney of Alameda County, as part of the pilot project, to develop protocols for identifying and assessing minors, upon arrest or detention by law enforcement, who may be victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and to develop a diversion program reflecting the best practices to address the needs and requirements of those minors. The district attorney is also authorized to develop, offer, and provide a training curriculum that would provide training for certain county employees on the commercial sexual exploitation of minors in Alameda County, as specified.

This bill would authorize an identical pilot project for the County of Los Angeles.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage
2 the development of a comprehensive, multidisciplinary model
3 reflecting the best practices for the response of law enforcement
4 and the criminal and juvenile justice systems to identify and assess
5 commercially sexually exploited children who have been arrested
6 or detained by local law enforcement.

7 SEC. 2. Chapter 4.4 (commencing with Section 18259.7) is
8 added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
9 to read:

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11 CHAPTER 4.4. SEXUALLY EXPLOITED MINORS PILOT PROJECT
12 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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14 18259.7. (a) The County of Los Angeles, contingent upon
15 local funding, may establish a pilot project consistent with this
16 chapter to develop a comprehensive, replicative, multidisciplinary
17 model to address the needs and effective treatment of commercially
18 sexually exploited minors who have been arrested or detained by
19 local law enforcement for a violation of subdivision (a) or (b) of
20 Section 647 or subdivision (a) of Section 653.22 of the Penal Code.

21 (b) The District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, in
22 collaboration with county and community-based agencies, may
23 develop, as a component of the pilot project described in this
24 chapter, protocols for identifying and assessing minors, upon arrest
25 or detention by law enforcement, who may be victims of
26 commercial sexual exploitation.

27 (c) The District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, in
28 collaboration with county and community-based agencies that
29 serve commercially sexually exploited minors, may develop, as a
30 component of the pilot project described in this chapter, a diversion
31 program reflecting the best practices to address the needs and
32 requirements of arrested or detained minors who have been
33 determined to be victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

34 (d) The District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, in
35 collaboration with county and community-based agencies, may
36 form, as a component of the pilot project described in this chapter,
37 a multidisciplinary team including, but not limited to, city police
38 departments, the county sheriff's department, the public defender's

1 office, the probation department, child protection services, and
2 community-based organizations that work with or advocate for
3 commercially sexually exploited minors, to do both of the
4 following:

5 (1) Develop a training curriculum reflecting the best practices
6 for identifying and assessing minors who may be victims of
7 commercial sexual exploitation.

8 (2) Offer and provide this training curriculum through
9 multidisciplinary teams to law enforcement, child protective
10 services, and others who are required to respond to arrested or
11 detained minors who may be victims of commercial sexual
12 exploitation.

13 18259.9. For purposes of this chapter, “commercially sexually
14 exploited minor” means a person under 18 years of age who has
15 been abused in the manner described in paragraph (2) of
16 subdivision (c) of Section 11165.1 of the Penal Code, and who
17 has been detained for a violation of the law or placed in civil
18 protective custody on a safety hold based only on a violation of
19 subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 647 or subdivision (a) of Section
20 653.22 of the Penal Code.