

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 220

Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio

February 1, 2011

An act to add Section 13827.3 to the Penal Code, relating to gangs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 220, as introduced, Solorio. Gang and youth violence: prevention.

Under existing law, the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy, which is in the California Emergency Management Agency, is responsible for identifying and evaluating gang and youth violence programs and strategies, along with funding for those efforts. The Director of the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy is responsible for monitoring, assessing, and coordinating the state's gang and youth violence programs, as specified.

This bill would require the director, subject to statutory limits and directives, to make recommendations to streamline existing state agency gang and youth violence grant programs with a goal toward giving priority to grant programs that employ evidence-based practices. It would require the director to create a working group consisting of representatives of state offices and representatives of other specified stakeholders to assist in this effort, with the director serving as the chairperson. The bill would require the working group to advise the office on the task of streamlining grant programs that address gang and youth violence, in accordance with certain procedures.

This bill would require the working group to be responsible for making recommendations to streamline existing state agency gang and youth violence grant programs, including recommending procedures and requirements for state agencies and departments administering grant

programs to provide incentives for grant recipients to implement evidence-based practices. The bill would require the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy to report the findings of the working group to the Legislature and the Governor by June 1, 2012.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 13827.3 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:

3 13827.3. (a) The director shall, subject to statutory limits and
4 directives, make recommendations to streamline existing state
5 agency gang and youth violence grant programs with a goal toward
6 giving priority to grant programs that employ evidence-based
7 practices. The director shall create a working group to assist in
8 this effort and shall serve as the chairperson of the working group.

9 (b) The working group of the Office of Gang and Youth
10 Violence Policy shall consist of representatives of state offices
11 and representatives of other stakeholders specified in paragraph
12 (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 13827. The working group shall
13 advise the office on the task of streamlining grant programs that
14 address gang and youth violence, in accordance with subdivisions
15 (c) and (d).

16 (c) The working group shall be responsible for making
17 recommendations to streamline existing state agency gang and
18 youth violence grant programs, including, but not limited to,
19 making recommendations for consolidation of programs, aligning
20 funding cycles, and developing common applications for grant
21 programs. The Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy shall
22 prepare the recommendations of the working group pursuant to
23 this subdivision on or before March 1, 2012, and shall submit a
24 final report of its findings to the Legislature and the Governor on
25 or before June 1, 2012. The report shall be submitted in compliance
26 with Section 9795 of the Government Code. This subdivision does
27 not require the other stakeholders in the working group to
28 participate in the preparation of the final report.

29 (d) As part of its recommendations pursuant to subdivision (c),
30 the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy shall also
31 recommend procedures and requirements for state agencies and

- 1 departments that administer gang and youth violence grant
- 2 programs to provide incentives for grant recipients to implement
- 3 evidence-based practices.

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