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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1122**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members John A. Pérez and Ammiano  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Beall, Bradford, and Ma)**

February 18, 2011

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An act to add *and repeal* Section 1916~~-to~~ of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1122, as amended, John A. Pérez. Juvenile offenders: tattoo removal.

Existing law establishes a pilot program requiring the Division of Juvenile Facilities of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to purchase 2 medical laser devices for the removal of tattoos, as specified, from eligible participants who are at-risk youth, ex-offenders, and current or former gang members, as specified.

This bill would additionally establish the California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program. The bill would provide that, to the extent funds are ~~available~~ *appropriated*, the California Emergency Management Agency *may* administer the program. The bill would require that the program be designed to serve individuals between 14 and 24 years of age, who are in the custody of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or county probation departments, who are on parole or probation, or who are in a community-based organization serving at-risk youth, through a competitive grant process, as specified. The bill would describe who may apply for grants, and specify the criteria for program

participants. ~~The bill would state findings and declarations of the Legislature in this regard.~~

*The bill would repeal those provisions on January 1, 2017.*

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 1916 is added to the Welfare and  
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 ~~1916. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:~~  
4 ~~(1) Exoffenders and former gang members seeking to restart~~  
5 ~~their lives and successfully reintegrate into mainstream society or~~  
6 ~~the professional workplace are often precluded from doing so~~  
7 ~~because of their visible tattoos.~~

8 ~~(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the establishment of~~  
9 ~~the California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program aid these~~  
10 ~~individuals in their quest to rehabilitate their lives and get back on~~  
11 ~~the right track.~~

12 ~~(b) (1) The California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program is~~  
13 *1916. (a) The California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program*  
14 *is hereby established.*

15 ~~(2)~~  
16 *(b) To the extent that funds are available appropriated for this*  
17 *purpose, the California Emergency Management Agency shall*  
18 *may administer the program.*

19 ~~(3)~~  
20 *(c) The program shall be designed to serve individuals between*  
21 *14 and 24 years of age, who are in the custody of the Department*  
22 *of Corrections and Rehabilitation or county probation departments,*  
23 *who are on parole or probation, or who are in a community-based*  
24 *organization serving at-risk youth.*

25 ~~(e) (1)~~  
26 *(d) The agency shall award grants in a competitive manner and*  
27 *on a geographically diverse basis, serving both northern and*  
28 *southern California.*

29 ~~(2)~~  
30 *(e) The Division of Juvenile Facilities of the Department of*  
31 *Corrections and Rehabilitation, county probation departments,*

1 community-based organizations, and relevant service providers  
2 may apply for the grants authorized by this section.

3 (f) *Funds appropriated for purposes of this section shall be*  
4 *limited to federal funds.*

5 ~~(d) (1)~~

6 (g) Tattoo removals shall be performed by licensed clinicians  
7 who, to the extent feasible, provide their services at a discounted  
8 rate, or free of charge.

9 ~~(2)~~

10 (h) Grantees shall serve individuals who have *gang-related*  
11 tattoos that are visible in a professional environment and who are  
12 recommended for the program by Department of Corrections and  
13 Rehabilitation representatives, parole agents, county probation  
14 officers, community-based organizations, or service providers.

15 ~~(e)~~

16 (i) Individuals who have gang-related ~~or other~~ tattoos that may  
17 be considered unprofessional and are visible in a professional work  
18 environment, who meet the criteria of ~~paragraph (3) of subdivision~~  
19 ~~(b) (c)~~, and who meet any of the following criteria may be eligible  
20 for participation in the program:

21 (1) Are actively pursuing secondary or postsecondary education.

22 (2) Are seeking employment or participating in workforce  
23 training programs.

24 (3) Are scheduled for an upcoming job interview or job  
25 placement.

26 (4) Are participating in a community or public service activity.

27 ~~(f)~~

28 (j) Use of funding by grantees ~~may include, but shall not be~~  
29 ~~limited to, shall be limited to~~ the following:

30 (1) *The removal of gang-related tattoos.*

31 ~~(1)~~

32 (2) Maintenance or repair of tattoo removal medical devices.

33 ~~(2)~~

34 (3) Contracting with licensed private providers to offer the tattoo  
35 removal service.

36 ~~(3) Any necessary costs associated with operating a tattoo~~  
37 ~~removal program.~~

38 ~~(g)~~

1 (k) Grantees may also seek ~~state, federal,~~ *additional federal* or  
2 private funding to execute the provisions of this section, and use  
3 those funds to supplement funding received through the program.  
4 (l) *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017,*  
5 *and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that*  
6 *is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date.*

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