

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2328**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez**

February 21, 2014

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An act to add Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 8400) to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to the California Service Corps.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2328, as introduced, John A. Pérez. California Service Corps.

Under existing law, by executive order, CaliforniaVolunteers is established in the Governor's Office and is charged with overseeing programs and initiatives for service and volunteerism.

This bill would establish the California Service Corps (CSC) in the state government, to be administered by CaliforniaVolunteers and operate under the existing federal AmeriCorps program guidelines. This bill would require that CSC members be determined through an application process for eligible California college graduates with student loan debt, as specified. This bill would allow California cities, counties, and other municipalities to apply to CaliforniaVolunteers, through a competitive request for proposal process, to host one or more CSC members. This bill would provide that the CSC's purpose is to assist local governments in implementing priorities detailed in the request for proposal.

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. Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 8400) is  
2 added to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

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CHAPTER 5.6. CALIFORNIA SERVICE CORPS

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6 8400. (a) The California Service Corps (CSC) is hereby  
7 established to be administered by CaliforniaVolunteers, as  
8 established by Executive Order S-24-06. The CSC shall operate  
9 under the existing federal AmeriCorps program guidelines.

10 (b) CSC members shall be determined through an application  
11 process. Eligibility will be based on the existing qualifications  
12 required for AmeriCorps members and all of the following:

13 (1) The applicant shall have an associate or a bachelors degree.

14 (2) The applicant shall provide proof of incurred student loan  
15 debt.

16 (3) The applicant shall be 21 years of age or older.

17 (4) The applicant shall provide proof of two or more years of  
18 continuous California residency.

19 (c) Cities, counties, and other municipalities of the state may  
20 apply to CaliforniaVolunteers, through a competitive request for  
21 proposal process, to host one or more CSC members. The purpose  
22 of the CSC is to assist local governments in implementing priorities  
23 detailed in the request for proposal.

24 (d) CaliforniaVolunteers is authorized to solicit and accept  
25 private funding to help supplement the costs of the CSC. These  
26 private funding sources may include, but are not limited to,  
27 foundations, corporate funding, crowd funding, donation drives,  
28 or any other sources of private investment that may be available.

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