

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2511**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford**

February 21, 2014

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An act to add Section 26600.5 to the Government Code, relating to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2511, as introduced, Bradford. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: citizens' oversight committee.

Existing law establishes categories of peace officers with varying powers and authority to make arrests and carry firearms. Any sheriff of a county is a peace officer whose authority extends to any place in the state, as specified. Existing law requires the sheriff of a county to preserve the peace, among other duties.

This bill would establish in the County of Los Angeles a permanent citizens' oversight committee for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The bill would require the committee to consist of an unspecified number of members, would require the members to be residents of the county, and would require the members of the committee to serve terms of an unspecified number of years. The bill would require the committee to review and evaluate the practices and performance of the department and to prepare a report containing the committee's findings. The bill would also require the county to reimburse the committee for the reasonable costs incurred by the committee.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the County of Los Angeles.

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 26600.5 is added to the Government  
2 Code, to read:

3 26600.5. (a) There is hereby established in the County of Los  
4 Angeles a permanent citizens’ oversight committee for the Los  
5 Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. The committee shall consist  
6 of \_\_\_\_ members. Each member shall be a resident of the County  
7 of Los Angeles and shall be appointed by \_\_\_\_\_. The term of each  
8 member shall be \_\_\_\_ years.

9 (b) The committee established pursuant to this section shall  
10 review and evaluate the practices and performance of the  
11 department over the preceding \_\_\_\_\_. The committee shall prepare  
12 a report containing the findings of the committee and present that  
13 report to \_\_\_\_\_ on each \_\_\_\_\_.

14 (c) The reasonable costs incurred by the committee in  
15 performing its duties shall be reimbursed by the county.

16 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law  
17 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable  
18 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
19 Constitution because of the unique circumstances in the County  
20 of Los Angeles that create need to strengthen transparency and  
21 accountability practices by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s  
22 Department.

23 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
24 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
25 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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