

Introduced by Senator Galgiani

January 9, 2014

An act to amend Section 14200 of the Penal Code, relating to crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 846, as introduced, Galgiani. Crimes: Violent Crime Information Center.

Existing law establishes the Attorney General as the chief law officer of the state, and grants the Attorney General specified law enforcement powers. Existing law requires the Attorney General to establish and maintain a Violent Crime Information Center to assist in the identification and apprehension of persons responsible for specific violent crimes and for the disappearance and exploitation of persons, particularly children and dependent adults. Existing law also requires the Attorney General to provide information on reports of missing persons to law enforcement agencies, as provided.

This bill would clarify that the Attorney General is authorized to perform the duties relating to the Violent Crime Information Center independent of a request from another law enforcement agency.

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. Section 14200 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:
3 14200. (a) The Attorney General shall establish and maintain
4 the Violent Crime Information Center to assist in the identification
5 and the apprehension of persons responsible for specific violent

1 crimes and for the disappearance and exploitation of persons,
2 particularly children and dependent adults. The center shall
3 establish and maintain programs which include, but are not limited
4 to, all of the following: developing violent offender profiles;
5 assisting local law enforcement agencies and county district
6 attorneys by providing investigative information on persons
7 responsible for specific violent crimes and missing person cases;
8 providing physical description information and photographs, if
9 available, of missing persons to county district attorneys, nonprofit
10 missing persons organizations, and schools; and providing statistics
11 on missing dependent adults and on missing children, including,
12 as may be applicable, family abductions, nonfamily abductions,
13 voluntary missing, and lost children or lost dependent adults.

14 *(b) The Attorney General, independent of a request from another*
15 *law enforcement agency, may perform the duties imposed under*
16 *this title pursuant to the Attorney General's law enforcement*
17 *powers established by Section 13 of Article V of the California*
18 *Constitution.*