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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 706

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Baker, Dodd, Eduardo Garcia,
Rodriguez, and Salas)**

February 25, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 706, as amended, Bonilla. ~~California—Volunteers~~. *California Volunteers*.

Under existing law, by executive order, ~~California—Volunteers~~ *California Volunteers* is established in the office of the Governor and is charged with overseeing programs and initiatives for service and volunteerism.

This bill would authorize ~~California—Volunteers~~, *California Volunteers*, for so long as it is authorized to exist, to form a tax-exempt public benefit nonprofit corporation, or other tax-exempt entity, qualified under federal and state law to raise revenues and receive grants or other financial support from private or public sources, for the purposes of undertaking or funding any lawful activity authorized to be undertaken by ~~California—Volunteers~~. *California Volunteers*. This bill would require the nonprofit corporation or other tax-exempt entity to use the financial

support it seeks to be used solely for the governmental purposes approved by ~~California Volunteers~~ *California Volunteers* for activities within the scope of authority of ~~California Volunteers~~. *California Volunteers*.

This bill would also establish California AmeriCorps – STEM in state government, to be administered by ~~California Volunteers~~ *California Volunteers* and operate under existing federal AmeriCorps program guidelines. This bill would require that California AmeriCorps – STEM members be ~~determined~~ *selected* through an application process for eligible college graduates or students, as specified. This bill would allow a nonprofit corporation, as specified, or a public entity to apply, individually or in partnership with a corporation or individual interested in the promotion of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, to ~~California Volunteers~~, *California Volunteers*, through a competitive request for proposal process, to host one or more California AmeriCorps – STEM members. This bill would provide that the purpose of California AmeriCorps – STEM is to increase STEM education programs to prepare the next generation for jobs in the STEM fields. This bill would authorize ~~California Volunteers~~ *California Volunteers* to solicit and accept private funding to help supplement the costs of California AmeriCorps – STEM.

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 VOLUNTEERS~~
CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS

7 8400. (a) ~~California Volunteers~~, *California Volunteers*, as
8 established by Executive Order S-24-06, is authorized to form a
9 tax-exempt public benefit nonprofit corporation, or other
10 tax-exempt entity, qualified under federal and state law to raise
11 revenues and receive grants or other financial support from private
12 or public sources, for the purposes of undertaking or funding any
13 lawful activity authorized to be undertaken by ~~California~~
14 ~~Volunteers~~. *California Volunteers*. Financial support sought by the

1 nonprofit corporation or other tax-exempt entity shall be used
2 solely for the governmental purposes approved by ~~California~~
3 ~~Volunteers~~ *CaliforniaVolunteers* for activities within the scope of
4 authority of ~~California~~ ~~Volunteers~~. *CaliforniaVolunteers*. *The*
5 *mission of the nonprofit corporation or other tax-exempt entity is*
6 *as follows:*

7 (1) *To support the funding of California AmeriCorps – STEM*
8 *programming and administrative costs.*

9 (2) *To support any priorities set forth by the Governor or the*
10 *CaliforniaVolunteers board of commissioners.*

11 (b) The authority granted in subdivision (a) shall expire if the
12 governor rescinds Executive Order S-24-06 or otherwise rescinds
13 the establishment of ~~California~~ ~~Volunteers~~. *CaliforniaVolunteers*.

14 8405. (a) California AmeriCorps – STEM is hereby established
15 to be administered by ~~California~~ ~~Volunteers~~, *CaliforniaVolunteers*,
16 as established by Executive Order S-24-06. California AmeriCorps
17 – STEM shall operate under the existing federal AmeriCorps
18 program guidelines.

19 (b) (1) California AmeriCorps – STEM members shall be
20 selected through an application process. Eligibility shall be based
21 on the qualifications required for the federal AmeriCorps members,
22 as of January 1, 2015, and all of the following:

23 (1)

24 (A) The applicant shall have an associate or a baccalaureate
25 degree or be enrolled in a two-year or four-year postsecondary
26 institution.

27 (2)

28 (B) The applicant shall be 18 years of age or older.

29 (3)

30 (C) The applicant shall provide proof that he or she lives in
31 California.

32 (2) *For the first three years in which California AmeriCorps –*
33 *STEM members are selected, no more than 40 members shall be*
34 *selected per year. For the fourth year, and each year thereafter,*
35 *the amount of members selected may increase or decrease in size*
36 *depending on the amount of available funds collected by the*
37 *foundation established by this chapter.*

38 (c) A nonprofit corporation that is exempt from federal income
39 taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the
40 Internal Revenue Code or a public entity may apply, individually

1 or in partnership with a corporation or individual interested in the
2 promotion of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)
3 education, to ~~California Volunteers~~, *California Volunteers* through
4 a competitive request for proposal process, to host one or more
5 California AmeriCorps – STEM members. The purpose of
6 California AmeriCorps – STEM is to bring more STEM education
7 programs into California schools, expanded learning programs,
8 after school programs, and neighborhood and regional centers for
9 children in order to prepare the next generation for jobs in the
10 STEM fields.

11 (d) ~~California Volunteers~~ *California Volunteers* is authorized to
12 solicit and accept private funding to help supplement the costs of
13 California AmeriCorps – STEM. These private funding sources
14 may include, but are not limited to, foundations, corporate funding,
15 crowdfunding, donation drives, or any other sources of private
16 investment that may be available. *No more than one hundred*
17 *thousand dollars (\$100,000) in moneys received from the state per*
18 *year shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be spent for*
19 *administrative costs of the foundation established by this chapter.*

20 (e) *General Fund moneys shall not be used for California*
21 *AmeriCorps – STEM programs.*