

Assembly Bill No. 2177

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2016, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 13835.9 to the Penal Code, relating to victims of crime.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2177, Maienschein. Victims of Crime Act Funding Advisory Committee.

Existing law requires the Office of Emergency Services to make available various funds to programs that provide supportive services to the victims of crime.

This bill would establish, within the office, the Victims of Crime Act Funding Advisory Committee, composed of 17 specified members who are appointed by the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly, as specified. The bill would establish initial terms of 2 years for members of the committee, require the committee to meet twice a year, and prohibit compensation for members, except for a per diem payment to members who have been a victim of a crime. The bill would require the office to seek the recommendation of the committee regarding the distribution of funds received by the state pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act, also known as VOCA, before making a distribution, of any kind, of those funds. The bill would specifically require the committee to comply with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13835.9 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

13835.9. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall seek the recommendation of the Victims of Crime Act Funding Advisory Committee, established by this section, regarding the distribution of funds received by the state pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act, also known as VOCA, before making a distribution, of any kind, of those funds.

(b) The Victims of Crime Act Funding Advisory Committee is hereby established within the Office of Emergency Services and shall be composed of the following 17 members:

(1) One member who represents law enforcement. The Governor shall appoint this member.

(2) Eight members who have been a victim of a crime. The Governor shall appoint four of these members, and the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint two members.

(3) Eight members who represent the interests of organizations that specialize in providing services to the victims of crime. The Governor shall appoint four of these members, and the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint two members.

(c) (1) The initial terms of membership on the committee shall be two years. Members are eligible to be reappointed twice after an initial term.

(2) The committee shall elect a chairperson from its membership.

(3) The members shall serve without compensation, except that members appointed pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) shall receive a per diem payment.

(4) The committee shall meet twice a year. The committee shall make a recommendation on the distribution of funds at one meeting and shall provide input on the efficacy of programs that have been funded at the other meeting.

(5) The committee shall comply with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

Approved _____, 2016

Governor