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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2247

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

February 18, 2016

An act to amend Section 439.1 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to armories.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2247, as amended, Williams. Armories.

Existing law authorizes the Director of General Services, with the approval of the Adjutant General, to lease and sell real property held for armory purposes, subject to legislative approval. Existing law establishes the Armory Fund and requires that the net proceeds from the sale or lease of armories be deposited into the fund, for use, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for specified purposes related to armories.

This bill would require the Director of General Services, with approval of the Adjutant General, to grant the City of Santa Barbara or the Santa Barbara Unified School District an option to purchase the Santa Barbara Armory, as specified. The bill would additionally require the director, upon expiration of the option, to offer the armory for sale by general bid.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Santa Barbara.

~~Existing law requires the Military Department to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the status of all California armories. Existing law requires this report to include, among other things, information on~~

~~the utilization of the facilities of the armory for military missions, emergency response, and community and social services.~~

~~This bill would require the report to additionally include information on the utilization of the armory for educational services.~~

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. (a) Notwithstanding Section 2 of Chapter 355 of
2 the Statutes of 2015, the Director of General Services, with
3 approval of the Adjutant General, shall grant to the City of Santa
4 Barbara or the Santa Barbara Unified School District an option
5 to purchase the Santa Barbara Armory. The option shall expire
6 on July 1, 2017. The purchase agreement may consider the
7 contributory value of all capital improvements made to the Santa
8 Barbara Armory by the City of Santa Barbara less the value of
9 improvements made in lieu of rents during the term of the use of
10 the Santa Barbara Armory by the City of Santa Barbara, and any
11 state costs incurred in the sale of the Santa Barbara Armory to
12 the City of Santa Barbara or the Santa Barbara Unified School
13 District.

14 (b) If the option granted pursuant to subdivision (a) expires,
15 the Santa Barbara Armory shall be offered for sale by general bid.
16 Any purchase agreement made pursuant to this paragraph shall
17 include terms and conditions determined by the Director of General
18 Services to be in the best interest of the state based on the fair
19 market value of the armory as determined by an appraisal
20 undertaken and approved by the Department of General Services.

21 (c) (1) The sale of the Santa Barbara Armory shall be conducted
22 pursuant to Section 435 of the Military and Veterans Code.

23 (2) For the purposes of this act, the Santa Barbara Armory
24 means the approximately 3.03 acres of real property with
25 improvements made thereon, located at 700 E. Canon Perdido
26 Street, Santa Barbara, California.

27 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
28 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
29 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
30 Constitution because of the current use of the Santa Barbara

1 *Armory by the Santa Barbara Unified School District and the*
2 *location of the armory in the city of Santa Barbara.*

3 SECTION 1. Section 439.1 of the Military and Veterans Code
4 is amended to read:

5 439.1. (a) ~~The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the~~
6 ~~Military Department is unable to perform its security, emergency~~
7 ~~response, and social and community missions due to deficiencies~~
8 ~~in the physical condition and suitability of some of its armories,~~
9 ~~and according to a 2006 Bureau of State Audit report, at least 87~~
10 ~~percent of the 109 armories in California are in need of~~
11 ~~improvement.~~

12 (b) ~~It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that the Military~~
13 ~~Department has adequate facilities to perform its security,~~
14 ~~emergency response, and social and community missions.~~

15 (c) ~~The Military Department shall, on or before April 1, 2008,~~
16 ~~and each year thereafter, submit a report to the Legislature on the~~
17 ~~status of all California armories. For each armory, the report shall~~
18 ~~include:~~

19 (1) ~~The location of the armory.~~

20 (2) ~~The utilization of the facilities of the armory for military~~
21 ~~missions, emergency response, and community, educational, and~~
22 ~~social services.~~

23 (3) ~~The physical condition of the facilities of the armory for its~~
24 ~~current missions and uses.~~

25 (4) ~~Any identified improvement, renovation, and modernization~~
26 ~~projects for the facilities of the armory, and the total estimated~~
27 ~~costs to complete these projects.~~

28 (5) ~~The status of recent improvements undertaken at the facilities~~
29 ~~of the armory.~~

30 (6) ~~An 18-month projection of all work and improvements that~~
31 ~~will be completed on the facilities of the armory.~~

32 (7) ~~The projected workload and staffing necessary for the~~
33 ~~maintenance, repairs, improvements, and operating expenses of~~
34 ~~the facilities of the armory.~~