

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 6, 1996

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995–96 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 3365**

---

---

**Introduced by Assembly Member Campbell**

February 23, 1996

---

---

An act to amend Section 13826.6 of the Penal Code, relating to gang violence suppression.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3365, as amended, Campbell. Gang violence suppression.

Existing law defines “community-based” organization for purposes of the Gang Violence Suppression Program as a nonprofit operation established to serve gang members, their families, schools, and the community with programs of community supervision and service that maintain community participation in the planning, operation, and evaluation of their programs.

This bill would include in this definition public park and recreation agencies, public libraries, and public community services departments that provide gang suppression activities, either alone or in cooperation with other public agencies or other community-based organizations. *The bill also would provide that community-based organizations funded pursuant to the Gang Violence Suppression Program as of January 1, 1997, shall receive preference over public agencies in any future funding awards.*

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. Section 13826.6 of the Penal Code is  
 2 amended to read:  
 3 13826.6. For purposes of this chapter, a  
 4 “community-based” organization is defined as a  
 5 nonprofit operation established to serve gang members,  
 6 their families, schools, and the community with programs  
 7 of community supervision and service that maintain  
 8 community participation in the planning, operation, and  
 9 evaluation of their programs.  
 10 “Community-based” organization also includes public  
 11 park and recreation agencies, public libraries, and public  
 12 community services departments that provide gang  
 13 suppression activities, either alone or in cooperation with  
 14 other public agencies or other community-based  
 15 organizations.  
 16 (a) Unless funded pursuant to subdivision (c),  
 17 community-based organizations supported under the  
 18 Gang Violence Suppression Program shall implement the  
 19 following activities:  
 20 (1) Providing information to law enforcement  
 21 agencies concerning gang related activities in the  
 22 community.  
 23 (2) Providing information to school administrators  
 24 and staff concerning gang related activities in the  
 25 community.  
 26 (3) Providing conflict resolution by means of  
 27 intervention or mediation to prevent and limit gang crisis  
 28 situations.  
 29 (4) Increasing witness cooperation through  
 30 coordination with local law enforcement and prosecutors  
 31 and by education of the community about the roles of  
 32 these government agencies and the availability of witness  
 33 protection services.



1 (b) Community-based organizations funded pursuant  
2 to subdivision (a) shall also implement at least one of the  
3 following activities:

4 (1) Maintaining a 24-hour public telephone message  
5 center for the receipt of information and to assist  
6 individuals seeking services from the organization.

7 (2) Maintaining a “rumor control” public telephone  
8 service to provide accurate and reliable information to  
9 concerned citizens.

10 (3) Providing technical assistance and training  
11 concerning gang related activities to school staff  
12 members, law enforcement personnel, and community  
13 members including parental groups. This training and  
14 assistance shall include coverage of how to prevent and  
15 minimize intergang confrontations.

16 (4) Providing recreational activities for gang  
17 members or potential gang members.

18 (5) Providing job training and placement services for  
19 youth.

20 (6) Referring gang members, as needed, to  
21 appropriate agencies for the treatment of health,  
22 psychological, and drug-related problems.

23 (7) Administration of the Urban Corps Program  
24 pursuant to Section 13826.62.

25 (8) Mobilizing the community to share joint  
26 responsibility with local criminal justice personnel to  
27 prevent and suppress gang violence.

28 (c) Community-based organizations funded under  
29 the Gang Violence Suppression Program for specialized  
30 school prevention and intervention activities shall only be  
31 required to implement activities in the schools which are  
32 designed to discourage students from joining gangs and  
33 which offer or encourage students to participate in  
34 alternative programs.

35 (d) *Community-based organizations funded pursuant*  
36 *to the Gang Violence Suppression Program as of January*  
37 *1, 1997, shall receive preference over public agencies in*  
38 *any future funding awards.*

O

