

**Senate Bill No. 1983**

**CHAPTER 1060**

An act to add Section 4024.4 to the Penal Code, relating to crime, and making an appropriation therefor.

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SB 1983, Haynes. Victim notification program.

Under existing law, notice of any hearing to review or consider the parole suitability or the setting of a parole date for any prisoner in a state prison shall be sent, upon request, by the Board of Prison Terms at least 30 days before the hearing to any victim of a crime committed by the prisoner, or to the next of kin of the victim if the victim has died.

This bill would authorize the board of supervisors of each county, with the prior concurrence of the county sheriff, and the city council of each city, with the prior concurrence of the chief of police, to establish a notification procedure to provide notice of the release of any person incarcerated at, or arrested and released on bail from, a local detention facility under its jurisdiction to those victims of crime who have requested to be so notified. The bill would authorize a county or city and 2 or more counties or cities to contract with a private entity to implement this procedure.

This bill would appropriate \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Corrections for the purpose of providing grants to counties and cities to implement a victim notification program pursuant to this act.

Appropriation: yes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4024.4 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

4024.4. (a) The board of supervisors of each county, with the concurrence of the county sheriff before implementation, and the city council of each city, with the concurrence of the chief of police before implementation, may establish a notification procedure to provide notice of the release of any person incarcerated at, or arrested and released on bail from, a local detention facility under its jurisdiction to victims of crime who have requested to be so notified. A county or city and two or more counties or cities jointly may contract with a private entity to implement this procedure.



(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the sheriff, chief of police, or other official in charge of a local detention facility shall make available to any private entity under contract pursuant to subdivision (a) all information necessary to implement the notification procedure in a timely manner. The private entity under contract shall be responsible for retrieving the information and notifying the requester through computer or telephonic means and, if unable to notify the person requesting the information by these means, shall send written notification by mail.

(c) The sheriff, chief of police, or other official in charge of a local detention facility shall work cooperatively with law enforcement agencies within the county or city and local victim centers established under Section 13835 to implement the program.

(d) As used in this section, "local detention facility" means a facility specified in subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 6031.4.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no public or private officer, employee, or entity may be held liable for any action or duty undertaken pursuant to this section.

SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Corrections for the purpose of providing grants to counties and cities to implement a victim notification program pursuant to Section 1 of this act. Applications for grant funds shall be submitted to the board no later than July 1, 1997. The board shall allocate funds to the counties and cities no later than September 1, 1997. Grant applications shall specify a system or method by which ongoing costs are to be funded from nonstate sources. Each sheriff, chief of police, or other official in charge of a local detention facility may develop a system to fund ongoing costs of the victim notification program.

