

Assembly Bill No. 870

CHAPTER 444

An act to add Section 13515 to the Penal Code, relating to crime prevention.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 870, Hertzberg. Elder abuse: law enforcement training.

(1) Existing law requires various law enforcement officers to meet specified training standards pursuant to courses of training certified by the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) program.

This bill would require every city police officer or deputy sheriff at a supervisory level and below to complete an elder abuse training course certified by POST. By imposing additional duties on local agencies, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13515 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

13515. Every city police officer or deputy sheriff at a supervisory level and below who is assigned field or investigative duties shall complete an elder abuse training course certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training by January 1, 1999, or within 18 months of assignment to field duties. Completion of the course may be satisfied by telecourse, video training tape, or other instruction. The training shall, at a minimum, address relevant laws, recognition, reporting requirements and procedures, neglect, and fraud. The course may be presented as part of a training program that includes other subjects or courses.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act



contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

