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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2261

**Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Baca, Havice, Hertzberg,
Strom-Martin, and Washington)**

February 19, 1998

An act to amend Sections 749.21, 749.22, 749.23, 749.25, 749.26, and 749.27 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juvenile crime.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2261, as amended, Aguiar. Local juvenile delinquency prevention.

Existing law establishes the Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability Challenge Grant Program, which is administered by the Board of Corrections. Existing law specifies the standards for the award of grants on a competitive basis to counties that develop and implement comprehensive plans to respond to juvenile crime and demonstrate a collaborative approach for implementing a system of swift responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Existing law authorizes the board to award up to \$2,000,000 statewide in individual grants not exceeding \$150,000 on a

competitive basis to counties to assist in establishing a multiagency coordinating group or developing a local action plan.

This bill would provide that the grants are to be awarded on the basis of criteria developed by the board and revise the standards, as specified. This bill would revise the amounts of the grants that may be awarded, as specified, and require the board to develop an interim report and final analysis to be submitted to the Legislature, as specified.

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 749.21 of the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code is amended to read:

3 749.21. The Juvenile Crime Enforcement and
4 Accountability Challenge Grant Program shall be
5 administered by the Board of Corrections for the purpose
6 of reducing juvenile crime and delinquency. This
7 program shall award grants based on criteria developed
8 by the Board of Corrections and on a competitive basis to
9 counties that (a) develop and implement a
10 comprehensive, multiagency local action plan that
11 provides for a continuum of responses to juvenile crime
12 and delinquency, including collaborative ways to address
13 local problems of juvenile crime; and (b) demonstrate a
14 collaborative and integrated approach for implementing
15 a system of swift, certain, graduated responses, and
16 appropriate sanctions for at-risk youth and juvenile
17 offenders.

18 SEC. 2. Section 749.22 of the Welfare and Institutions
19 Code is amended to read:

20 749.22. To be eligible for this grant, each county shall
21 be required to establish a multiagency juvenile justice
22 coordinating council that shall develop and implement a
23 continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime.
24 The coordinating councils shall, at a minimum, include
25 the chief probation officer, as chair, and one
26 representative each from the district attorney's office,



1 the public defender's office, the sheriff's department, the
2 board of supervisors, the department of social services,
3 the department of mental health, a community-based
4 drug and alcohol program, a city police department, the
5 county office of education or a school district, and an
6 at-large community representative. The coordinating
7 councils shall develop a comprehensive, multiagency
8 plan that identifies the resources and strategies for
9 providing an effective continuum of responses for the
10 prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment, and
11 incarceration of juvenile offenders. Counties may utilize
12 community punishment plans developed pursuant to
13 grants awarded from funds included in the 1995 Budget
14 Act to the extent the plans address juvenile crime and the
15 juvenile justice system or local action plans previously
16 developed for this program. The plan shall include, but
17 not be limited to, the following components:

18 (a) An assessment of existing law enforcement,
19 probation, education, mental health, health, social
20 services, drug and alcohol and youth services resources
21 which specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile
22 offenders, and their families.

23 (b) An identification and prioritization of the
24 neighborhoods, schools, and other areas in the
25 community that face a significant public safety risk from
26 juvenile crime, such as gang activity, daylight burglary,
27 late-night robbery, vandalism, truancy, controlled
28 substance sales, firearm-related violence, and juvenile
29 alcohol use within the council's jurisdiction.

30 (c) A local action plan (LAP) for improving and
31 marshaling the resources set forth in subdivision (a) to
32 reduce the incidence of juvenile crime and delinquency
33 in the areas targeted pursuant to subdivision (b) and the
34 greater community. The councils shall prepare their
35 plans to maximize the provision of collaborative and
36 integrated services of all the resources set forth in
37 subdivision (a), and shall provide specified strategies for
38 all elements of response, including prevention,
39 intervention, suppression, and incapacitation, to provide



1 a continuum for addressing the identified juvenile crime
2 problem.

3 (d) Develop information and intelligence-sharing
4 systems to ensure that county actions are fully
5 coordinated, and to provide data for measuring the
6 success of the grantee in achieving its goals. The plan shall
7 develop goals related to the outcome measures that shall
8 be used to determine the effectiveness of the program.

9 (e) Identify outcome measures which shall include,
10 but not be limited to, the following:

11 (1) The rate of juvenile arrests.

12 (2) The rate of successful completion of probation.

13 (3) The rate of successful completion of restitution and
14 court-ordered community service responsibilities.

15 SEC. 3. Section 749.23 of the Welfare and Institutions
16 Code is amended to read:

17 749.23. The Board of Corrections shall award grants
18 that provide funding for three years. Funding shall be
19 used to supplement, rather than supplant, existing
20 programs and grants may be awarded to any county
21 including those counties currently receiving funds
22 pursuant to this article. Grant funds shall be used for
23 programs that are identified in the local action plan as
24 part of a continuum of responses to reduce juvenile crime
25 and delinquency. No grant shall be awarded unless the
26 applicant makes available resources in an amount equal
27 to at least 25 percent of the amount of the grant.
28 Resources may include in-kind contributions from
29 participating agencies. In awarding grants, priority shall
30 be given to those proposals which include additional
31 funding that exceeds 25 percent of the amount of the
32 grant. In awarding grants, priority shall also be given to
33 programs in counties where the population exceeds
34 ~~5,000,000~~ 500,000 and the rate of violent crime exceeds the
35 state average.

36 SEC. 4. Section 749.25 of the Welfare and Institutions
37 Code is amended to read:

38 749.25. The Board of Corrections may award up to a
39 total of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) statewide, in
40 individual grants not exceeding fifty thousand dollars



1 (\$50,000) to counties to assist in developing or updating
2 a local action plan. The board may also award up to five
3 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) statewide, in
4 individual grants not exceeding one hundred thousand
5 dollars (\$100,000) to extend program evaluation followup
6 activities for existing programs which demonstrate
7 promise for program replication.

8 SEC. 5. Section 749.26 of the Welfare and Institutions
9 Code is amended to read:

10 749.26. The Board of Corrections shall create an
11 evaluation design for the Juvenile Crime Enforcement
12 and Accountability Challenge Grant Program that will
13 assess the effectiveness of the program. For grants
14 awarded before July 1, 1998, the board shall develop an
15 interim report to be submitted to the Legislature on or
16 before March 1, 1999, and a final analysis of the grant
17 program in a report to be submitted to the Legislature on
18 or before March 1, 2001. For grants awarded after July 1,
19 1998, the board shall develop an interim report to be
20 submitted to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2001, and
21 a final analysis of the grant program in a report to be
22 submitted to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2003.

23 SEC. 6. Section 749.27 of the Welfare and Institutions
24 Code is amended to read:

25 749.27. Funding for the Juvenile Crime Enforcement
26 and Accountability Challenge Grant Program for grant
27 awards made before July 1, 1998, shall be provided from
28 the amount appropriated in Item 5430-101-0001 of the
29 Budget Act of 1996. Up to 5 percent of the amount
30 appropriated in Item 5430-101-0001 of the Budget Act of
31 1996 shall be transferred upon the approval of the
32 Director of Finance, to Item 5430-001-0001 for
33 expenditure as necessary for the board to administer this
34 program, including technical assistance to counties and
35 the development of an evaluation component. For grant
36 awards made after July 1, 1998, it is the intent of the
37 Legislature to appropriate fifty million dollars
38 (\$50,000,000) in the Budget Act of 1998 for funding the
39 Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability
40 Challenge Grant Program. Up to 5 percent of the amount



1 appropriated in the Budget Act of 1998 for the Juvenile
2 Crime Enforcement and Accountability Challenge Grant
3 Program shall be transferred, upon the approval of the
4 Director of Finance, to the Board of Corrections, as
5 necessary for the board to administer this program,
6 provide technical assistance to counties, and to develop
7 and monitor the evaluation of this program.

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