

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 20, 1998

SENATE BILL

No. 1692

Introduced by Senator McPherson

February 17, 1998

An act relating to emergency services, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1692, as amended, McPherson. California Specialized Training Institute.

Existing law establishes the California Specialized Training Institute in the Office of Emergency Services to assist the Governor in providing training to state agencies, cities, and counties in their planning and preparation for disasters.

This bill would appropriate \$140,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Emergency Services for allocation to the California Specialized Training Institute to implement a pilot program for "distance learning" to offer certification, recertification, or renewal classes over the Internet as an alternative to traditional onsite courses. *The bill would require the office to recover these funds and any other moneys that may be expended to develop and implement this program by charging a fee for participating in the program.*

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The sum of one hundred forty
2 thousand dollars (\$140,000) is hereby appropriated from
3 the General Fund to the Office of Emergency Services for
4 allocation to the California Specialized Training Institute
5 to implement a pilot program for “distance learning” to
6 offer certification, recertification, or renewal classes, or
7 any combination of those classes, over the Internet as an
8 alternative to traditional onsite courses.

9 *(b) Funds appropriated to the office pursuant to*
10 *subdivision (a) and any other funds that may be*
11 *expended by the office to develop and implement the*
12 *distance learning program shall be recovered by the*
13 *office on behalf of the state through fees charged for*
14 *distance learning, upon the implementation of a service*
15 *charge for this program, over a period of five years.*

