

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 565

Introduced by Assembly Member Havice

February 19, 1999

An act to add Section 259 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 565, as introduced, Havice. Juveniles: graffiti offenses: pilot project.

Existing law specifies certain types of punishment for misdemeanor violations by minors of offenses involving graffiti, as specified.

This bill would authorize the establishment of a pilot project in the Los Padrinos District of the Los Angeles County Superior Court to bring together minors convicted of those offenses, their parents, the victims of the offense, and the judge, hearing officer, or referee, to determine the appropriate disposition of the minor's case, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 259 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 259. (a) Upon approval by the presiding judge of the
4 juvenile court, there shall be established in the Los
5 Padrinos District of the Superior Court of the County of

1 Los Angeles a pilot program pursuant to which minors
2 who have been convicted of an offense described in
3 subdivision (b) shall, prior to the entry of an order
4 disposing of the minor's case, meet with all involved
5 parties, including the minor's parents or guardian, the
6 victims of the offenses or a representative of the victims,
7 and the judge, juvenile hearing officer, or referee, for the
8 purpose of determining the appropriate disposition of the
9 minor's case. That disposition may consist of the
10 punishment specified in the Penal Code for the offense
11 committed or an alternative form of disposition as
12 specified in Section 258 or as determined by the minor
13 and the involved parties at the meeting. If the minor and
14 the involved parties are able to agree on an appropriate
15 disposition, the judge, referee, or juvenile hearing officer
16 shall enter an order accordingly.

17 (b) This section shall apply to minors who have been
18 convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Section 594 of the
19 Penal Code involving graffiti, as defined in that section,
20 or a violation of Section 594.1 or 594.2 of the Penal Code.

