

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1886

Introduced by Assembly Member Lowenthal

February 10, 2000

An act to add Section 1203.098 to the Penal Code, relating to domestic violence.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1886, as introduced, Lowenthal. Training requirements: batterers' treatment program.

Existing law requires that a person convicted of a crime of domestic violence, as defined, and granted probation, be required to satisfactorily complete a batterers' treatment program. A batterers' treatment program is required to include specified components.

This bill would require facilitators of batterers' treatment programs to meet minimum training requirements, including 40 hours of basic-core training, and 52 weeks of a cofacilitation internship in an approved treatment program with an experienced facilitator. Facilitators would also be required to meet minimum continuous education requirements including 16 hours a year of continuing education for facilitators with less than 4 years of experience as defined, and 8 hours a year of continuing education for facilitators with more than 4 years of experience.

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 1203.098 is added to the Penal
2 Code, to read:

3 1203.098. (a) Unless otherwise provided, a person
4 who works as a solo-facilitator in a batterers' treatment
5 program shall complete the following requirements
6 before being eligible to work as a solo-facilitator in a
7 batterers' treatment program:

8 (1) Forty hours of core-basic training pursuant to the
9 approved basic curriculum.

10 (2) Fifty-two weeks of a cofacilitation internship in an
11 approved batterers' treatment program with a minimum
12 of a one two-hour group session each week. A
13 cofacilitation internship requires that an experienced
14 facilitator be present in the room during the group
15 session.

16 (3) An experienced facilitator is one who has the
17 following qualifications:

18 (A) A minimum of two years experience conducting
19 batterers' groups at an approved agency.

20 (B) Documentation on file, approved by the agency,
21 evidencing that the experienced facilitator has the skills
22 needed to provide quality supervision and training.

23 (b) A solo facilitator of a batterers' treatment program
24 shall complete the following minimum continuing
25 education requirements:

26 (1) A person who has conducted probation approved
27 batterers' groups of at least one group a week, for four
28 years or less prior to January 1 of the year in which he or
29 she attends continuing education, shall attend 16 hours a
30 year of continuing education.

31 (2) A person who has conducted probation approved
32 batterers' groups for more than four years prior to
33 January 1 of the year in which he or she attends
34 continuing education, shall attend eight hours a year of
35 continuing education.

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