

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2059

Introduced by Assembly Member Vincent

February 22, 2000

An act to add Section 832.25 to the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2059, as introduced, Vincent. Peace officers: welfare fraud investigators.

(1) Existing law provides that welfare fraud investigators and inspectors are peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the state for the purpose of performing their primary duty and other specified situations. Existing law generally provides that every peace officer shall satisfactorily complete an introductory course of training approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training prior to exercising the powers of a peace officer.

This bill would provide that all welfare fraud investigators or inspectors appointed as peace officers on or after January 1, 2001, shall attend and complete a specialized basic investigators course approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training within one year of being hired, but that welfare fraud investigators and inspectors appointed prior to January 1, 2001, shall not be required to attend and complete this training, and shall be considered to have obtained this level of training for the purposes of meeting minimum levels of training. By imposing additional

training costs on local agencies, this bill 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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 832.25 is added to the Penal
2 Code, to read:

3 832.25. All welfare fraud investigators or inspectors
4 appointed as peace officers pursuant to subdivision (a) of
5 Section 830.35 on or after January 1, 2001, shall attend and
6 complete a specialized basic investigators course
7 approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards
8 and Training within one year of being hired.
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, welfare
10 fraud investigators and inspectors appointed prior to
11 January 1, 2001, shall not be required to attend and
12 complete this training, and shall be considered to have
13 obtained this level of training for the purposes of meeting
14 minimum levels of training.

15 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the
16 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates
17 determines that this act contains costs mandated by the
18 state, reimbursement to local agencies and school
19 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7
20 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
21 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the



1 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million
2 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from
3 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

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