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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2499

Introduced by Assembly Member Steinberg

February 24, 2000

An act to amend Section 14685 of the Government Code, relating to state buildings.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2499, as amended, Steinberg. Director of General Services: state buildings: fire protection.

Existing law generally sets forth the duties of the Department of General Services, under the Director of General Services, with respect to the maintenance of state buildings and grounds.

This bill would require the director to ensure that adequate fire protection is secured for state-owned buildings and would authorize the director to provide remuneration to ~~local agencies for the provision of fire protection services~~ *a local fire district when it incurs costs for providing fire protection services to state-owned buildings that exceed \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year.*

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of
2 the following:

3 (a) The Director of General Services is responsible for
4 the safekeeping of more than 19 million square feet of
5 state-owned buildings.

6 (b) It is in the state’s interest for local governments to
7 be able to provide fire protection sufficient for major fires
8 in high-rise and other large state-owned buildings.

9 (c) It is in the interest of the state and employees in
10 state-owned buildings for the Director of General
11 Services to assess and take appropriate steps to ensure the
12 adequacy of fire protection services provided to
13 state-owned buildings.

14 SEC. 2. Section 14685 of the Government Code is
15 amended to read:

16 14685. (a) (1) The director shall appoint assistants,
17 clerks, and employees as may be necessary to maintain
18 the state buildings and grounds. The employees shall not
19 have or perform the duties or functions of peace officers.

20 (2) The director shall ensure that adequate fire
21 protection is secured for state-owned buildings, and to
22 this end may provide remuneration to local ~~agencies~~ *fire*
23 *districts* for the provision of fire protection services
24 sufficient to protect adequately state-owned buildings.
25 *The director may provide this remuneration only when*
26 *a local fire district incurs costs, which the department*
27 *independently shall verify, exceeding one million dollars*
28 *(\$1,000,000) in any fiscal year to provide fire protection*
29 *services to state-owned buildings.*

30 (3) The department may establish rules and
31 regulations for the government and maintenance of the
32 state buildings and grounds. Every person who violates or
33 attempts to violate the rules and regulations is guilty of a
34 misdemeanor.

35 (b) Information regarding missing children provided
36 by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 11114.1
37 of the Penal Code shall be posted in public areas of all
38 state-owned or leased buildings that have at least 20,000



1 square feet of office space, or that are staffed by at least
2 50 employees, or where service is provided to the general
3 public and in other public areas of state-owned or leased
4 buildings as determined by the department to be
5 reasonable.

6 (c) (1) The Department of the California Highway
7 Patrol may establish rules and regulations pertaining to
8 the protection of state employees, properties, buildings
9 and grounds, and occupants of state properties, including,
10 but not limited to, the issuance of permits concerning the
11 use of state buildings, properties, and grounds.

12 (2) A violation of any rule or regulation adopted
13 pursuant to paragraph (1) is a misdemeanor.

14 (3) This subdivision does not apply to state buildings
15 or grounds owned, leased, rented, controlled, used, or
16 occupied by the University of California, the California
17 State University, Hastings College of the Law, the
18 California Exposition and State Fair, the state hospitals of
19 the State Department of Mental Health or the State
20 Department of Developmental Services, the institutions
21 and camps of the Department of Corrections or the
22 Department of the Youth Authority, and the parks and
23 beaches of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

