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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2536

**Introduced by Assembly Member Scott
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Jackson)**

February 24, 2000

An act relating to crime prevention,—~~and~~ making an appropriation therefor, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2536, as amended, Scott. Crime prevention.

Existing law establishes various crime prevention programs.

This bill would require the Department of Justice to conduct an education campaign regarding recent changes in ~~gun~~ *firearm* laws, to conduct an injury prevention campaign addressing firearm injury prevention, and to conduct a study assessing new laws affecting ~~gun~~ *firearm* commerce and ~~gun~~ *firearm* crime, as specified. This bill would reappropriate funds appropriated for the SKS Sporter Rifle Buy-Back Program for purposes of the bill.

This bill would declare that its provisions would become effective immediately as an urgency statute.

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. The Department of Justice shall do all of
2 the following:

3 (a) Conduct an education campaign addressing
4 changes in the firearms laws. The campaign shall target
5 law enforcement, firearms dealers, and the public.

6 (b) The department shall carry out an injury
7 prevention campaign addressing firearm injury
8 prevention and evaluate the ~~gun~~ *firearm* laws passed in
9 1999.

10 (c) The department shall contract with the University
11 of California, Davis, Violence Prevention Research
12 Program to conduct interim assessments of California's
13 ~~new gun laws on gun commerce and gun crime. The new~~
14 *firearm laws on firearm commerce and firearm crime.*
15 *The* University of California, Davis, Violence Prevention
16 Research Program shall subcontract with researchers in
17 southern California to conduct part of the research.

18 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on the
19 effective date of this act, the balance of the funds
20 appropriated for the SKS Sporter Rifle Buy-Back
21 Program in Item 0820-001-0001, Section 2.00 of the Budget
22 Act of 1999, for the necessary expenditures to implement
23 Chapter 909 of the Statutes of 1998, is hereby
24 reappropriated to the Department of Justice for
25 expenditure for state operations for the purposes and
26 subject to the limitations provided for in this act.

27 *SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for*
28 *the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,*
29 *or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the*
30 *Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts*
31 *constituting the necessity are:*

32 *In order to protect the public safety by insuring that*
33 *unsafe firearms are not illegally sold, it is necessary that*
34 *this act take immediate effect.*

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