

**Senate Bill No. 873**

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Passed the Senate      September 9, 1999

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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Passed the Assembly      September 3, 1999

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*



## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act relating to sentencing.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 873, Vasconcellos. Sentencing: prior convictions: joint study.

Existing law, known as the “3 strikes law” and codified in 2 initiative statutes, prescribes alternative prison sentencing for any person convicted of a felony who has one or more prior serious or violent felony convictions.

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst to undertake a joint study to examine the costs and benefits of the “3 strikes law” and to report its findings, as specified, to the Legislature by December 31, 2000. The bill also would require the Judicial Council, the Attorney General, and the University of California to assist the Legislative Analyst in conducting the study.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislative Analyst shall examine the costs and benefits of the “three strikes” law, and report its findings to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2000. The Judicial Council, the Attorney General, and the University of California (upon approval by the Board of Regents) shall assist the Legislative Analyst in conducting the study. The report shall examine the extent to which reductions in serious crime can be attributed to mandatory state incarceration policies, and shall compare any ascertainable benefits from crime prevention through incapacitation of various types of offenders with the costs of incarcerating them. The report shall also assess the degree to which the “three strikes” law may effect selective law enforcement problems, and the cost of corrective measures. The study shall also include an assessment of the cost to victims as a result of being victimized and the consequent costs to state and local governments. The study shall also assess



the manner in which the “three strikes” law is implemented in representative urban, rural, and mixed urban-rural counties in California. The study shall utilize existing resources of the participating agencies.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 1999

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*Governor*

