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SENATE BILL

No. 1831

Introduced by Senator Hughes

February 24, 2000

An act to add and repeal Article 7 (commencing with Section 32297.1) of Chapter 2.5 of Part 19 of the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1831, as amended, Hughes. School safety.

Existing law, the School Community Policing Partnership Act of 1998, administered by the State Department of Education, provides for the award of grants on a competitive basis to school districts, county offices of education, or a consortium of school districts and county offices of education to develop and implement a plan that demonstrates a collaborative and integrated approach between the grant recipients and local law enforcement agencies for implementing a system of providing safe and secure environments.

This bill would, until January 1, 2006, establish the School Safety Academy Pilot Project, to be administered by the Department of Justice, whereby school safety academies, as defined, would receive funding from the Department of Justice to develop and implement integrated, comprehensive school safety training for those responsible for school safety

and school community violence prevention for a period of 3 years. The bill would require the Department of Justice to contract with an independent evaluator to develop and deliver an evaluation report to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 31, 2005.

The bill would appropriate ~~\$2,250,000~~ \$750,000, *without regard to fiscal year*, to the Department of Justice to implement the School Safety Academy Pilot Project for 3 years.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 7 (commencing with Section
2 32297.1) is added to Chapter 2.5 of Part 19 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 ARTICLE 7. SCHOOL SAFETY ACADEMY PILOT
6 PROJECT

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8 32297.1. There is hereby established the School Safety
9 Academy Pilot Project, to be administered by the
10 Department of Justice, through the Crime and Violence
11 Prevention Center, from funds appropriated therefor.

12 32297.2. For purposes of this article, “school safety
13 academies” means training facilities selected by the
14 Department of Justice through the competitive process
15 specified in Section 32297.3. Each academy shall provide
16 training to juvenile specialists, school district police
17 officers, school resource officers, school security officers,
18 school administrators, campus supervisors and monitors,
19 parent volunteers, and others responsible for school
20 safety and school community violence prevention.
21 Training topics shall include, but not be limited to, those
22 listed in Section 32297.4 and other topics as identified by
23 representatives from the field.

24 32297.3. (a) The Department of Justice shall provide
25 funding to the school safety academies to develop and
26 implement integrated, comprehensive school safety



1 training for those responsible for school safety and school
2 community violence prevention.

3 (b) The Department of Justice shall establish
4 minimum standards, funding schedules, and procedures
5 for awarding grants, that shall include, but not be limited
6 to, all of the following:

7 (1) Demonstrated ability to administer a
8 comprehensive multidiscipline training program.

9 (2) Demonstrated ability to develop and implement a
10 training plan that provides comprehensive school safety
11 training to law enforcement, education, social service
12 agencies, youth organizations, probation, community,
13 and other school safety personnel.

14 (3) Demonstrated knowledge of law enforcement and
15 education statutes, policies and procedures, the juvenile
16 justice system, and school safety issues and strategies.

17 (c) Based upon the competitive selection process, the
18 department shall fund applicants that propose to
19 establish an academy in southern California, in northern
20 California, or in central California, or any combination of
21 the three.

22 (d) The Department of Justice shall convene a
23 workshop comprised of school safety experts
24 representing each funded academy, education,
25 probation, law enforcement, school police, social services,
26 mental health, school security, school administrators, and
27 parents, and shall include an evaluator. The workgroup
28 shall do all of the following:

29 (1) Provide direction and technical assistance for the
30 development of the academy curriculum and the
31 delivery of training.

32 (2) Ensure that all current training systems will be
33 included and that existing training will not be duplicated.

34 (3) Assist with the development of an official school
35 safety certification for the project.

36 (4) Provide technical assistance regarding obtaining
37 training credits, individual discipline certification, and a
38 reimbursement for expenses.



1 (5) Provide ongoing technical assistance to the School
2 Safety Academy Pilot Project for the three year pilot
3 period.

4 32297.4. (a) (1) The Department of Justice, in
5 consultation with the Commission on Peace Officer
6 Standards and Training, shall establish a three-year
7 School Safety Academy Pilot Project utilizing the school
8 safety academies. The School Safety Academy Pilot
9 Project shall be administered by the Department of
10 Justice for the purpose of providing comprehensive
11 school safety training for those responsible for school
12 safety and school community violence prevention that
13 accomplishes the purposes set forth in this article.

14 (2) The school safety academies funded pursuant to
15 the School Safety Academy Pilot Project may include, but
16 are not limited to, training on all of the following:

- 17 (A) Role of school police officers.
- 18 (B) Role of school administrators.
- 19 (C) Role of campus security and safety personnel.
- 20 (D) School and community relations.
- 21 (E) School crime reporting.
- 22 (F) Conflict resolution and youth mediation.
- 23 (G) Crisis intervention and response.
- 24 (H) Juvenile justice system.
- 25 (I) Diversity training.
- 26 (J) Role of probation and parole officers.
- 27 (K) Effective school safety strategies and planning.
- 28 (L) Role of law enforcement on school campuses.
- 29 (M) Role of child protective services workers.
- 30 (N) Hate crimes.

31 (b) Each safe school academy shall conduct between
32 four and six sessions each year to consist of a maximum of
33 30 participants in each session.

34 (c) Upon request, the school safety academies shall
35 provide technical assistance, training, and support to
36 grant recipients under the School Community Policing
37 Partnership Grant Program, as established pursuant to
38 Section 32296.1.

39 (d) In addition to the basic training set forth in
40 paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), each school safety



1 academy shall develop a specialty that will advance
2 school community policing practices.

3 32297.5. The Department of Justice shall provide
4 funding to implement the training developed pursuant to
5 Section 32297.3 for a period of three years. Funding shall
6 be used for the development and the delivery of school
7 safety training.

8 32297.6. After two years of operation and every year
9 thereafter, the Department of Justice shall provide the
10 Governor and the Legislature with an annual report
11 describing the progress and effectiveness of the school
12 safety academies.

13 32297.7. The Department of Justice shall evaluate the
14 effectiveness of the School Safety Academy Pilot Project
15 by contracting with an independent evaluator to develop
16 and deliver a final evaluation report to the Legislature
17 and the Governor on or before January 31, 2005.

18 32297.8. This article shall remain in effect only until
19 January 1, 2006, and as of that date is repealed, unless a
20 later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,
21 2006, deletes or extends that date.

22 SEC. 2. (a) The sum of ~~two million two hundred and~~
23 ~~fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000)~~ *seven hundred fifty*
24 *thousand dollars (\$750,000)* is hereby appropriated,
25 *without regard to fiscal year*, from the General Fund to
26 the Department of Justice to implement the School
27 Safety Academy Pilot Project, as established by Article 7
28 (commencing with Section 32297.1) of Chapter 2.5 of
29 Part 19 of the Education Code for a period of three years
30 for state operations and local assistance.

31 (b) The Department of Justice may reallocate funds
32 that are not used by a regional policing institute to a
33 different regional policing institute. The Department of
34 Justice may use up to 5 percent of the total amount
35 appropriated ~~each year~~ for administration of this project.

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