

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 29, 2000

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1951**

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**Introduced by Senator Costa**

February 24, 2000

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An act to ~~add Section 11166.4 to the Penal Code,~~ relating to child abuse.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1951, as amended, Costa. Child abuse: probation officers.

Existing law requires specified professionals to report instances of child abuse to a child protective agency under specified circumstances. A child protective agency is defined to include a police or sheriff's department, a county welfare department, or a county probation department. Teachers and other specified mandated reporters are required to receive training in the reporting and identification of child abuse.

~~This bill would require probation officers to receive additional training in the identification and reporting of child abuse.~~

*This bill would require the Board of Corrections to revise the annual training requirements for probation officers to include training on child abuse identification and reporting. The training would be required to be given no less than once every 3 years. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

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 11166.4 is added to the Penal~~  
2 ~~Code to read:~~

3 ~~11166.4. Probation officers shall receive additional~~  
4 ~~training in child abuse identification and reporting. As~~  
5 ~~part of that training, probation officers shall receive a~~  
6 ~~written copy of the reporting requirements and the~~  
7 ~~disclosure and confidentiality provisions in this article.~~

8 *SECTION 1. The Board of Corrections shall revise the*  
9 *annual training requirements for probation officers to*  
10 *include training on child abuse identification and*  
11 *reporting. This training shall be given no less than once*  
12 *every three years.*

13 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the  
14 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates  
15 determines that this act contains costs mandated by the  
16 state, reimbursement to local agencies and school  
17 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7  
18 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title  
19 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the  
20 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million  
21 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from  
22 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

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