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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 2183**

**Introduced by Senator Soto**

March 16, 2000

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An act relating to trauma intervention, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2183, as amended, Soto. Trauma intervention.

Under existing law, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) funds, among other programs, various programs relating to victims services.

This bill would appropriate \$1,700,000 from the General Fund to OCJP ~~for distribution to the UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program~~ for the purpose of operating ~~over a period of 3 years, for the first year of a 3-year pilot program,~~ an expanded version of a *child trauma reduction* pilot program that currently provides trauma and grief intervention to students.

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 Legislature hereby finds and  
2 declares as follows:

1 (a) ~~The UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program has a~~  
2 *Office of Criminal Justice Planning currently funds a*  
3 *child trauma reduction pilot program in one school*  
4 *cluster consisting of one senior high school and two to four*  
5 ~~*middle feeder junior high schools in northwest Pasadena*~~  
6 *that provides trauma and grief intervention services.*

7 (b) The pilot program identifies youth that are in need  
8 of postviolence and postdisaster mental health services.  
9 Many of the students who participated in this program  
10 suffered severe and debilitating chronic Posttraumatic  
11 Stress Disorder and had lost their motivation for learning.

12 (c) ~~The pilot program has been successful in treating~~  
13 ~~students for their trauma and also has helped to improve~~  
14 ~~their school work. reducing post-traumatic stress~~  
15 ~~symptoms and in improving classroom behavior and~~  
16 ~~academic achievement.~~

17 (d) The pilot program ~~should~~ shall be extended from  
18 one to five clusters, two of which would be located in  
19 northern California and three in southern California with  
20 specific sites selected by the ~~UCLA Trauma Psychiatry~~  
21 ~~Program~~ *project partners in conjunction with the Office*  
22 *of Criminal Justice Planning.*

23 (e) ~~The pilot program was funded by the Office of~~  
24 ~~Criminal Justice Planning.~~

25 SEC. 2. (a) The sum of one million seven hundred  
26 thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) is hereby appropriated *for*  
27 *one year* from the General Fund to the Office of Criminal  
28 Justice Planning, without regard to fiscal year, ~~for~~  
29 ~~distribution to the UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program~~ for  
30 the purpose of operating ~~over a period of three years, for~~  
31 *the first year of a three-year pilot program*, an expanded  
32 version of the *child trauma reduction pilot program* that  
33 currently provides trauma and grief intervention in one  
34 cluster consisting of one high school and two ~~to four~~  
35 ~~middle junior high schools in northwest Pasadena.~~ The  
36 program shall be expanded from one to five clusters, two  
37 of which would be located in northern California and  
38 three in southern California with specific sites selected by  
39 the ~~UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program~~ *project partners*  
40 *in conjunction with the Office of Criminal Justice*



1 *Planning.* In selecting the five sites for implementation of  
2 the program, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning and  
3 the ~~UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program~~ *project partners*  
4 shall consider:

5 ~~(a)~~

6 (1) The amount of crime and violence to which  
7 students are exposed in the surrounding community.

8 ~~(b)~~

9 (2) The ability of the program managers to develop a  
10 coordinated plan with school and community mental  
11 health services, local victim-witness assistance programs,  
12 and local law enforcement officials.

13 ~~(c)~~

14 (3) Approval of the program by the governing school  
15 district.

16 ~~The~~

17 (b) (1) *The* program shall include an evaluation  
18 component in which students treated in the program are  
19 compared against a control group. ~~The~~

20 (2) *The* Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall  
21 report on the program to the Legislature annually, on an  
22 interim basis, and shall provide a full report by February  
23 1, 2004.

24 (3) *The evaluation by the Office of Criminal Justice*  
25 *Planning shall assess delivery and achievement of*  
26 *program objectives.*

27 (4) *The on-site program partners shall conduct*  
28 *intervention outcome analyses within and across sites and*  
29 *shall report then to the Office of Criminal Justice*  
30 *Planning, based on the following domains:*

31 (A) *Psychological distress.*

32 (B) *School performance.*

33 (C) *Social behavior.*

34 (D) *Behavioral and functional disturbance.*

35 (E) *Coping and adjustment.*

36 (5) *The evaluation shall include a cost-benefit analysis*  
37 *with regard to public safety, education, and health service*  
38 *benefits.*

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