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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2798

Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg

February 24, 2006

An act to add and repeal Article 24.3 (commencing with Section 893.5) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2798, as amended, Goldberg. Juveniles: *pilot project: county facilities and programs.*

Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of any county to, by ordinance, establish juvenile ranches, camps, or forestry camps, within or without the county, to which persons made wards of the court may be committed. Existing law also provides for specified services for juveniles in detention.

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide coordination of services and increased funding of services for specified purposes, including, but not limited to, educational, transitional, and training services for juveniles in detention~~ *enact the Probation Youth Education and Vocational Support Act, which would establish a 3-year pilot project in Los Angeles County, requiring these counties to provide specified educational and vocational services to wards in juvenile ranches, camps, or forestry camps.*

The bill would require the county office of education to complete a report on the effectiveness of the program, and submit it to the Legislature by June 30, 2011.

By adding to the duties of county employees in that regard, 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.

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: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

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

1 *SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the*
2 *“Probation Youth Education and Vocational Support Act.”*

3 *SEC. 2. Article 24.3 (commencing with Section 893.5) is*
4 *added to Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Welfare and*
5 *Institutions Code, to read:*

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7 *Article 24.3. Pilot Project: Probation Youth Education and*
8 *Vocational Support*
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10 893.5. *There is hereby established a three-year pilot project*
11 *in Los Angeles County. The county shall provide comprehensive,*
12 *integrated services to selected wards from 15 to 18 years of age,*
13 *inclusive, in juvenile ranches, camps, and forestry camps,*
14 *including all of the following:*

15 *(a) A standards-based vocational or career technical*
16 *education program, integrated with or in addition to the existing*
17 *academic program in the facility.*

18 *(b) Tutor or paraeducator services to support work-related*
19 *and academic literacy and successful implementation of the*
20 *vocational program.*

21 *(c) An educational or vocational counseling program that*
22 *addresses learning disabilities and provides, while a ward is in*
23 *detention, intensive support and prerelease planning services.*

24 *(d) Transition, education advocacy, and case management*
25 *services to provide systems navigation, appropriate school or*

1 vocational training program placement, and referrals for
2 housing, mental health services, and jobs for each ward for a
3 minimum of one full year after release.

4 (e) Mental health services by licensed providers for the
5 duration of the project and appropriate training for project staff
6 to address the mental health needs of participants.

7 893.7. The county office of education shall, with the
8 assistance of an independent consultant with expertise in juvenile
9 justice programs, complete a report that evaluates the
10 effectiveness, including cost effectiveness, of the pilot program.
11 The report shall be submitted to the Legislature by June 30,
12 2011. Outcome measures shall include, but not be limited to, the
13 following:

14 (a) Completion of the vocational or career technical education
15 program in the camp or residential facility.

16 (b) Provision of pre-release planning and post-release
17 services.

18 (c) Enrollment and retention in post-release education or
19 training programs or appropriate employment, or both, for a
20 period of at least 6 months.

21 (d) Rate of utilization of mental health services pre- and
22 post-release and their impact on stability of residence, education,
23 and employment.

24 (e) Provision of case management and related post-release
25 services and their impact on stability of residence, education,
26 and employment.

27 (f) Rate of recidivism and related cost savings or economic
28 benefits, if any.

29 893.9. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,
30 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
31 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends
32 that date.

33 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
34 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
35 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
36 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
37 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

38 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
39 ~~legislation that would provide coordination of services and~~

- 1 increased funding of services for the following purposes related
- 2 to juveniles:
- 3 (a) ~~Reducing the long-term public and private sector costs of~~
- 4 ~~recidivism, academic failure, and inability to obtain and retain~~
- 5 ~~jobs.~~
- 6 (b) ~~Educational services in juvenile court schools, including,~~
- 7 ~~but not limited to, tutoring, counseling, and other learning~~
- 8 ~~supports.~~
- 9 (c) ~~Transition services provided by and between county offices~~
- 10 ~~of education and local school districts.~~
- 11 (d) ~~Educational services provided by school districts to youth~~
- 12 ~~enrolling after release from probation camp or similar facilities.~~
- 13 (e) ~~Vocational training opportunities to be provided in~~
- 14 ~~probation camps and similar facilities.~~