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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 enact the Probation Youth Education and Vocational Support Act, which would establish a 3-year pilot project in *Alameda County*, Los Angeles County, and *Sacramento County*, requiring these counties to provide specified educational and vocational services to wards in juvenile ranches, camps, or forestry camps.

The bill would *also* require the county ~~office~~ *offices* of education in *those counties* to, *jointly*, complete a report on the effectiveness of the program, and submit ~~it~~ *that report* 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: yes. State-mandated local program: 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 in
11 ~~Los Angeles Alameda County, Los Angeles County, and~~
12 ~~Sacramento County.~~ The ~~county~~ *counties* shall provide
13 comprehensive, integrated services to selected wards from 15 to
14 18 years of age, inclusive, in juvenile ranches, camps, and
15 forestry camps, including all of the following:

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

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

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

25 (d) Transition, education advocacy, and case management
26 services to provide systems navigation, appropriate school or
27 vocational training program placement, and referrals for housing,

1 mental health services, and jobs for each ward for a minimum of
2 one full year after release.

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

6 893.7. The county ~~office~~ *offices* of education shall, *jointly*,
7 with the assistance of an independent consultant with expertise in
8 juvenile justice programs, complete a report that evaluates the
9 effectiveness, including cost-effectiveness, of the pilot program.
10 The report shall be submitted to the Legislature ~~by on or before~~
11 June 30, 2011. Outcome measures shall include, but not be
12 limited to, the following:

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

15 (b) Provision of prerelease planning and postrelease services.

16 (c) Enrollment and retention in postrelease education or
17 training programs or appropriate employment, or both, for a
18 period of at least 6 months.

19 (d) Rate of utilization of mental health services pre- and
20 postrelease and their impact on stability of residence, education,
21 and employment.

22 (e) Provision of case management and related postrelease
23 services and their impact on stability of residence, education, and
24 employment.

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

27 893.9. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,
28 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
29 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends
30 that date.

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

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- 2 **CORRECTIONS:**
- 3 **Text-Pages 2 and 3.**
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