

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2547

Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 1784 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to youths.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2547, as introduced, Galgiani. Youths.

Existing law states the findings and declarations of the Legislature that the mobilizations of community resources to help in providing youthful offenders with services which relate to the root causes of delinquency is vital and that juvenile justice community resource programs should be encouraged and supported.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1784 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 1784. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
- 4 (a) That the mobilization of community resources to ~~assist~~ *aid*
- 5 in providing youthful offenders with necessary educational,
- 6 psychological, medical, and other services which relate to root
- 7 causes of delinquency is vital.

1 (b) That due to increased and heavy caseloads, probation officers
2 cannot be expected to assume the full burden of providing
3 necessary services to youthful offenders.

4 (c) That addressing the root causes of delinquent behavior in a
5 cost-effective manner yields ~~enormous~~ *tremendous* societal benefits
6 in the prevention of future criminality and the integration of the
7 offender into productive society.

8 (d) That by encouraging community participation, programs
9 such as the Juvenile Justice Connection Project in Los Angeles
10 County have achieved great success in providing services to young
11 people at a substantial savings to the taxpayer.

12 (e) That efforts to implement similar projects throughout the
13 state should be encouraged and supported.