

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 767

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez

February 17, 2011

An act to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 8195) to Chapter 2.8 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to the State Capitol Sustainability Task Force.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 767, as introduced, John A. Pérez. State Capitol Sustainability Task Force.

Existing law authorizes the Director of General Services to repair and alter buildings within the Capitol area, as defined.

This bill would establish the State Capitol Sustainability Task Force to coordinate activities with state agencies and the private sector to develop and implement a State Capitol Sustainability Initiative for the State Capitol Building, the Legislative Office Building, and the State Capitol Park grounds.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:
- 2 (a) California's State Capitol opened in 1869, and is now 142
- 3 years old. In the mid-1970s, the State Capitol underwent a major
- 4 restoration and reopened to the public in 1982.
- 5 (b) As one of the state's most historic and visible structures, the
- 6 State Capitol Building and park represent a unique opportunity to

1 demonstrate environmental leadership, by showcasing sustainable
2 practices and providing an environmental educational experience
3 to the nearly 800,000 annual visitors.

4 (c) Operations at the State Capitol must become even more
5 sustainable, with efforts focused on energy efficiency, water
6 conservation, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, alternative
7 fuel vehicles, waste diversion and recycling, the use of renewable
8 energy sources, and the purchase of environmentally friendly
9 products.

10 (d) The California State Legislature has instituted a number of
11 these practices, including replacing computer monitors with more
12 energy-efficient flat screens, purchasing recycled content carpeting,
13 paper, and other products, using low volatile organic compound
14 paints, electronically distributing documents, and upgrading the
15 fuel efficiency of the vehicle fleet by purchasing hybrid cars.

16 (e) These activities save money and protect the environment;
17 however, the Legislature needs to take a more comprehensive
18 approach by deploying sustainable practices throughout its
19 operations.

20 SEC. 2. Article 4 (commencing with Section 8195) is added
21 to Chapter 2.8 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
22 to read:

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24 Article 4. State Capitol Sustainability Task Force
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26 8195. (a) There is hereby established the State Capitol
27 Sustainability Task Force, referred to as the task force for purposes
28 of this article.

29 (b) The task force is composed of seven members, appointed
30 as follows:

31 (1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly,
32 each of whom shall be a Member of the Assembly or an employee
33 of the Assembly.

34 (2) Two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules,
35 each of whom shall be a Member of the Senate or an employee of
36 the Senate.

37 (3) Two members appointed by the Governor, who shall be a
38 member of the Governor's staff or a Governor's appointee in the
39 executive branch of state government.

1 (4) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, who
2 shall be a member of the Lieutenant Governor's staff.

3 (c) Each member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of
4 his or her appointing power.

5 8195.1. (a) The task force shall develop and implement a State
6 Capitol Sustainability Initiative for the State Capitol Building, the
7 Legislative Office Building, and the State Capitol Park grounds.

8 (b) The task force shall coordinate activities with state agencies
9 and the private sector to do the following:

10 (1) Join the California Climate Action Registry to track and
11 reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

12 (2) Benchmark and monitor building operations, such as energy
13 and water use.

14 (3) Increase the overall fuel economy and fuel diversity of the
15 vehicle fleet.

16 (4) Improve waste diversion practices, including material and
17 electronic waste recycling, composting, and materials reuse.

18 (5) Invest in energy efficiency and water conservation
19 technologies.

20 (6) Promote environmentally preferable purchasing, such as
21 green and recycled content products.

22 (7) Incorporate renewable energy, such as photovoltaic
23 technology, into our energy supply.

24 (8) Integrate sustainable practices: double-sided copying, the
25 use of low volatile organic compound paints, integrated pest
26 management, and electronic distribution of documents into its
27 administrative operations.

28 (9) Partner with utility companies, water districts, labor
29 organizations, environmental groups, and the federal and local
30 governments and private industry to develop green demonstration
31 projects.

32 (10) Seek grant funding and other opportunities to recognize
33 the efforts of the State Capitol Sustainability Initiative.

34 (11) Develop environmental education materials for student
35 groups and other visitors to the State Capitol.

36 (12) Finalize the Capitol Park Master Plan, including improving
37 bicycle access to the park and establishing bicycle paths for those

- 1 portions of Capitol Avenue and 13th Street that are within the park
- 2 grounds.

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