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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1712

Introduced by Assembly Member Cunneen

January 3, 2000

An act to add Section 13848.8 to the Penal Code, relating to high technology crime ~~courts~~.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1712, as amended, Cunneen. High technology crime courts.

Existing law establishes the High Technology Theft Apprehension and Prosecution Program which provides a program of financial and technical assistance for law enforcement and district attorneys' offices.

~~This bill would authorize San Diego, San Francisco, and Santa Clara Counties to establish a high technology crime court to hear criminal cases brought under the High Technology Theft Apprehension and Prosecution Program and any other high technology crime deemed appropriate by the presiding judge in the respective county. Those specified counties would be authorized to designate judicial resources to establish and support the high technology crime court. The bill would also require the Judicial Council to devise~~

~~appropriate training and guidelines to implement this program.~~

This bill would establish in the Office of The Attorney General a grant program to be administered by the Attorney General wherein grants would be awarded to law enforcement agencies and nonprofit organizations on the basis of competitive applications. The bill would provide that the purpose of a grant awarded pursuant to this program is to develop an instructional course, as specified, that may be offered to district attorneys, law enforcement personnel, and members of the judicial branch. To implement this program, the Legislature would encourage the use of federal funds, where available, in conjunction with any pertinent appropriations made at the state level.

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. Section 13848.8 is added to the Penal
2 Code, to read:

3 ~~13848.8. (a) The Counties of San Diego, San~~
4 ~~Francisco, and Santa Clara may establish a high~~
5 ~~technology crime court to hear criminal cases brought~~
6 ~~under the High Technology Theft Apprehension and~~
7 ~~Prosecution Program pursuant to this chapter and any~~
8 ~~other high technology crime deemed appropriate by the~~
9 ~~presiding judge in the respective county.~~

10 ~~(b) The counties specified in subdivision (a) may~~
11 ~~designate judicial resources to establish and support the~~
12 ~~high technology crime court.~~

13 ~~(c) The Judicial Council shall devise appropriate~~
14 ~~training and guidelines to implement this section.~~

15 *13848.8. (a) There is hereby established in the Office*
16 *of The Attorney General a grant program to be*
17 *administered by the Attorney General. The grants*
18 *awarded pursuant to this program shall be awarded to law*
19 *enforcement agencies and nonprofit organizations on the*
20 *basis of competitive applications.*



1 ***(b) The purpose of a grant awarded pursuant to this***
2 ***section is to develop an instructional course that may be***
3 ***offered to district attorneys, law enforcement personnel,***
4 ***and members of the judicial branch. The course shall***
5 ***cover investigation, prosecution, and other forensic issues***
6 ***involving high technology crime, as consistent with the***
7 ***subject matter of this chapter.***

8 ***(c) In order to implement this program, the***
9 ***Legislature encourages the use of federal funds, where***
10 ***available, in conjunction with any appropriations made at***
11 ***the state level for the type of educational grant described***
12 ***in this section.***

