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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1712**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cunneen**

January 3, 2000

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An act to add ~~Section 13848.8 to~~ *and repeal Section 13848.8* of the Penal Code, relating to high technology crime.

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 establish in the Office of ~~the Attorney General~~ a grant *Criminal Justice Planning a 3-year pilot* program to be administered by the ~~Attorney General Office of Criminal Justice Planning~~ 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.

*The bill would appropriate \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the purpose of implementing this program.*

Vote: ~~majority~~ <sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. 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) There is hereby established in the Office  
4 ~~of the Attorney General a grant program to be~~  
5 ~~administered by the Attorney General. The grants of~~  
6 *Criminal Justice Planning a pilot program for the*  
7 *awarding of grants to be administered by the Office of*  
8 *Criminal Justice Planning. The grants awarded pursuant*  
9 *to this program shall be awarded to law enforcement*  
10 *agencies and nonprofit organizations on the basis of*  
11 *competitive applications.*

12 (b) The purpose of a grant awarded pursuant to this  
13 section is to develop an instructional course that may be  
14 offered to district attorneys, law enforcement personnel,  
15 and members of the judicial branch. The course shall  
16 cover investigation, prosecution, and other forensic issues  
17 involving high technology crime, as consistent with the  
18 subject matter of this chapter.

19 (c) In order to implement this program, the  
20 Legislature encourages the use of federal funds, where  
21 available, in conjunction with any appropriations made at  
22 the state level for the type of educational grant described  
23 in this section.

24 (d) *This section shall become inoperative on July 1,*  
25 *2003, and, as of January 1, 2004, is repealed, unless a later*  
26 *enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before*



1 *January 1, 2004, deletes or extends the dates on which it*  
2 *becomes inoperative and is repealed.*

3 *SEC. 2. The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) is*  
4 *hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Office*  
5 *of Criminal Justice Planning for the purpose of*  
6 *implementing the pilot program established pursuant to*  
7 *Section 13848.8 of the Penal Code.*

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