

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2280

Introduced by Assembly Member Florez

February 24, 2000

An act to add Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 2030) to Division 2.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to youth programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2280, as introduced, Florez. Office of Youth Violence, Crime, and Gang Prevention.

Existing law establishes various entities relating to youths and crime, including the California Gang, Crime, and Violence Prevention Partnership Program, the Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability Challenge Grant Programs, and the Runaway Youth and Families in Crises Projects.

This bill would create within the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, the Office of Violence, Crime, and Gang Prevention to administer a grant program for the purpose of preventing and reducing youth violence, crime, and gangs, develop a statewide plan for consolidating, augmenting, allocating, and coordinating youth violence, crime, and gang programs and resources, and to report annually to the Legislature, in a specified manner.

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. Chapter 3 (commencing with Section
2 2030) is added to Division 2.5 of the Welfare and
3 Institutions Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 3. OFFICE OF YOUTH VIOLENCE, CRIME, AND
6 GANG PREVENTION

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8 2030. (a) The Office of Youth Violence, Crime, and
9 Gang Prevention is hereby created within the Governor’s
10 Office of Planning and Research.

11 (b) The duties and responsibilities of the office shall
12 include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

13 (1) Consolidating, coordinating, and administering
14 existing state-operated programs that are undertaken
15 primarily for purposes of preventing at-risk youth and
16 young adults and at-risk families from entering or
17 continuing the cycle of crime, violence, and gangs. These
18 programs do not include those programs operated by
19 local government, such as probation programs.

20 (2) Providing technical assistance and support to local
21 communities, cities, and counties in designing and
22 implementing effective programs and strategies for
23 preventing and reducing the number of at-risk youth and
24 young adults and at-risk families from engaging in crime,
25 violence, and gangs.

26 (3) Reviewing state-operated youth violence, crime,
27 and gang prevention programs to determine if they are
28 community based and require collaboration, if they
29 follow the public health model approach in preventing or
30 reducing violence, crime, and gang activity, if they
31 identify specific goals and objectives, if they require
32 measurable outcomes such as changes in attitudes and
33 behaviors, and if each program requires effective
34 evaluation of the program, and making
35 recommendations and changes where appropriate to
36 ensure these programs contain these components.

37 (4) Administering a grant program that makes
38 resources available to community-based efforts that take



1 a public health approach to preventing and reducing
2 youth crime, violence, and gangs.

3 (5) Identifying and disseminating information
4 regarding the availability of state, federal, public, and
5 private funding which can be used for youth violence,
6 crime, or gang prevention or intervention activities and
7 services.

8 (6) Applying for funding from state, federal, public,
9 and private sources that can be awarded to organizations
10 through the grant program.

11 (7) Analyzing state public policy to assess California's
12 responses to youth crime, violence, and gangs, and issuing
13 recommendations to ensure the state follows the public
14 health model approach in undertaking significant and
15 effective prevention and intervention efforts to prevent
16 and reduce youth violence, crime, and gangs.

17 (8) Evaluating existing state-operated prevention and
18 intervention programs to determine their effectiveness
19 in preventing or reducing youth violence, crime, and
20 gangs, as well as in improving attitudes toward youth
21 violence, crime, and gangs.

22 (9) Developing a statewide plan for consolidating,
23 augmenting, allocating, and coordinating youth violence,
24 crime, and gang prevention programs and resources. The
25 plan shall be known as the California Youth Violence
26 Prevention and Public Health Plan.

27 (10) Promoting and advocating at all levels of
28 government for the provision, expansion, and funding of
29 effective community-based prevention and public health
30 programs as part of a balanced strategy for preventing
31 and reducing youth violence, crime, and gangs.

32 (11) Reporting annually to the Legislature, beginning
33 at the close of the second year of operation, no less than
34 the following information:

35 (A) Activities taken by the office and their outcomes.

36 (B) Activities taken to implement the California
37 Youth Violence Prevention and Public Health Plan, and
38 their outcomes.

39 (C) The number of at-risk youth and young adults and
40 at-risk families, as defined in this chapter, participating in



1 violence, crime, and gang prevention programs operated
2 by the state and by the office, and the outcomes of their
3 participation.

4 (D) The number of youth arrested for violence, crime,
5 or gang activity, the disposition of their arrest, and the
6 number of youth made wards of the courts.

7 (E) The number of adults arrested for violence, crime
8 or gang activity, the disposition of their arrest, and the
9 number of adults sentenced to jail, state or federal prison.

10 (12) The office shall not engage, promote, or
11 otherwise support containment or suppression-type
12 activities which include, but are not limited to, types of
13 activities that require the identification, monitoring, or
14 disclosure of gang members, juvenile, or adult offenders
15 to law enforcement agencies.

