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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

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.~~ *Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 13827) to Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to crime prevention.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2280, as amended, Florez. ~~Office of Youth Violence, Crime, and Gang Prevention~~ *Crime prevention.*

Existing law establishes the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) with specified duties, including but not limited to the development of a comprehensive statewide plan for the improvement of criminal justice and delinquency prevention activity, receipt and disbursement of federal and state funds for prevention programs, and rendering technical assistance to the Legislature, and to state and local government agencies and public and private agencies.

This bill would create within the Office of OCJP, an Office of Violence, Crime, and Gang Prevention with specified duties, including, but not limited to, the consolidation, coordination, administration, and review of existing programs relating to at-risk youths and young adults, as defined; administering a grant program that would take a public health

approach to preventing, intervening, and reducing crime, violence, and gangs; and developing a statewide plan for consolidating, augmenting, allocating, and coordinating prevention programs. The plan would be developed with the approval of an advisory board. The office would be required to report annually to the Legislature regarding the program, its outcome, and the target group of at-risk youths and young adults participating in the program. The bill also would establish the Youth Violence, Crime, and Gang Prevention Fund in the State Treasury and provide that funds therein be used by the office to carry out the purposes of the act. Funding for the office would be provided from the General Fund in an amount equal to an unspecified percentage of the operating budget of the Department of the Youth Authority and from revenue raised through the issuance of a special vehicle license plate for passenger vehicles of an unspecified weight. The fee would be an additional \$50 for issuance of the original registration and an additional \$27 upon renewal of registration, with specified amounts to be deposited into the Youth Violence, Crime, and Gang Prevention Fund.

~~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~~
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1 SECTION 1. Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section
2 13827) is added to Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, to
3 read:

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5 CHAPTER 3.6. VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC
6 HEALTH ACT
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8 13827. This chapter shall be known and may be cited
9 as the Violence Prevention and Public Health Act.

10 13827.1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
11 following:

12 (a) Violence and crime are public health issues and
13 must be treated through a public health approach that:
14 (1) identifies behavioral and environmental risk factors
15 that contribute to the occurrence of crime and violence,
16 (2) implements protective factors to prevent, intervene,
17 and reduce crime and violence, and (3) implements
18 community guidelines for preventing, reducing, and
19 intervening in the commission of crime and violence.

20 (b) The United States Department of Justice has
21 estimated that crime costs \$490 billion dollars per year in
22 the form of stolen or damaged property, loss of
23 productivity to society, loss of work time, costs to operate
24 law enforcement and the criminal justice system, and
25 pain and suffering of victims. While the costs can be
26 quantified in monetary terms, it is the intangible costs of
27 crime, fear, isolation, anger, and loss of trust, that can
28 never truly be quantified or compensated for.

29 (c) The health related costs of crime and violence are
30 enormous. The average cost to treat a gunshot victim in
31 California in 1993 was approximately twenty-five
32 thousand eight hundred eighty-three dollars (\$25,883). In
33 1993, it cost \$703 million dollars in direct medical care to
34 treat wounded gunshot victims and fatalities. Over 80
35 percent of the medical care provided to gunshot victims
36 were uncompensated costs and were passed on to the
37 California public in 1995.

38 (d) In 1999, there were approximately 47 state
39 programs that can be classified as violence, crime, or gang
40 prevention programs and that are operated by 11 state

1 departments within six separate agencies. Of these
2 programs, approximately 17 target at-risk youth and
3 young adults and are specifically designed to prevent or
4 reduce violence, crime, or gang activity, while only a few
5 programs specifically follow the public health model
6 approach.

7 (e) Consolidating many of the state's violence, crime,
8 and gang prevention programs into one office will result
9 in greater efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and the sharing
10 of resources, information, and experience. In 1994 and in
11 1996, respectively, the Little Hoover Commission and the
12 Task Force to Review Juvenile Crime and the Juvenile
13 Justice Response have both recommended that youth
14 violence and crime prevention programs be consolidated
15 into a single state agency to ensure greater effectiveness.

16 (f) There is a practical and strong need to improve
17 many of the state's current prevention programs by
18 requiring that they (1) target at-risk youth and young
19 adults and at-risk families, (2) be community-based and
20 collaborative, (3) follow the public health model
21 approach for preventing or reducing violence, crime, and
22 game activity, (4) identify measurable goals and
23 objectives, including the improvement of attitudes and
24 behaviors toward violence, crime, and gangs, and (5) be
25 evaluated to ensure that goals and objectives are being
26 met and that attitudes and behaviors are being improved.

27 (g) California has no comprehensive plan or strategy
28 for preventing violence, crime, and gang activity through
29 preventive, public health approaches.

30 (h) Despite recent declines in the arrest and
31 conviction rates of violent, criminal, and gang offenders,
32 the number of victims, arrests, and convictions remain
33 unacceptably high.

34 (i) California expends a significant amount of its
35 resources for law enforcement, incarceration, courts,
36 prosecution, and public defense (approximately \$15.5
37 billion dollars in 1994–95) while spending under \$250
38 million dollars for prevention programs targeting at-risk
39 youth and young adults.



1 (j) *The criminal justice approach to violence, crime,*
2 *and gang activity can not adequately bring violence,*
3 *crime, and gang activity to an acceptable level, and must*
4 *be balanced with other strategies, such as the prevention*
5 *and public health approach, which can serve, prevent,*
6 *and reduce violence, crime, and gang activity.*

7 (k) *There is a strong and practical need to develop*
8 *new prevention policies to require that (1) at-risk youth*
9 *and young adults and at-risk families are targeted to*
10 *receive services, support or activities, (2) prevention*
11 *efforts be community-based and collaborative, (3)*
12 *prevention efforts follow the public health model*
13 *approach for preventing or reducing violence, crime, and*
14 *gang activity, (4) prevention efforts identify measurable*
15 *goals and objectives, including the improvement of*
16 *attitudes and behaviors toward violence, crime, and*
17 *gangs, and (5) prevention efforts are evaluated to ensure*
18 *that goals and objectives are being met and that attitudes*
19 *and behaviors are being improved.*

20 (l) *Local communities need assistance and resources*
21 *for developing and implementing effective strategies and*
22 *programs to prevent, intervene, and reduce violence,*
23 *crime, and gang activity.*

24 (m) *It is the intent of the Violence Prevention and*
25 *Public Health Act that the Office of Violence, Crime, and*
26 *Gang Prevention be created to prevent, intervene, and*
27 *reduce violence, crime, and gang activity through*
28 *preventive, intervention, and public health strategies,*
29 *that existing prevention programs be consolidated into*
30 *and coordinated by the office for purposes of efficiency*
31 *and cost-effectiveness, that existing prevention programs*
32 *be improved to ensure effectiveness and accountability,*
33 *that a statewide plan be developed to ensure that*
34 *prevention strategies are carried out throughout the state*
35 *in a methodical and effective manner, and that new*
36 *policy be established to fill in gaps in services that can*
37 *prevent, intervene, and reduce at-risk youth and young*
38 *adults and at-risk families from beginning or continuing*
39 *the cycle of violence, crime, or gangs. However, in*
40 *consolidating existing prevention programs into the*



1 office, it is not the act's intent that resources for these
2 programs be eliminated, reduced, or affected in any way.

3 13847.2. (a) An Office of Violence, Crime, and Gang
4 Prevention is hereby created within the Office of
5 Criminal Justice Planning.

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

8 (1) Consolidate, coordinate, and administer existing
9 state-operated programs that are undertaken primarily
10 for purposes of preventing at-risk youth and young adults
11 and at-risk families from entering or continuing the cycle
12 of crime, violence, and gangs. These programs do not
13 include those programs operated by local government
14 such as probation programs.

15 (2) Provide technical assistance and support to local
16 communities, cities, and counties in designing and
17 implementing effective programs and strategies for
18 preventing and reducing the number of at-risk youth and
19 young adults and at-risk families from engaging in crime,
20 violence, and gangs.

21 (3) Review state operated violence, crime, and gang
22 prevention programs to determine whether they are
23 community-based and require collaboration, whether
24 they follow the public health model approach in
25 preventing or reducing violence, crime, and gang
26 activity, whether they identify specific goals and
27 objectives, whether they require measurable outcomes,
28 including changes in attitudes and behaviors, whether
29 each program requires effective evaluation of the
30 program, and making recommendations and changes
31 where appropriate to ensure that these programs contain
32 these components.

33 (4) Administer a grant program as described in
34 Section 13827.3 that makes resources available to
35 community-based efforts that take a public health
36 approach to preventing, intervening, and reducing
37 crime, violence, and gangs.

38 (5) Identify and disseminate information regarding
39 the availability of state, federal, public, and private



1 *funding that can be used for violence, crime, or gang*
2 *prevention or intervention activities and services.*

3 *(6) Apply for funding from state, federal, public, and*
4 *private sources that can be awarded to organizations*
5 *through the grant program.*

6 *(7) Analyze state public policy to assess California's*
7 *responses to crime, violence, and gangs, and issuing*
8 *recommendations to ensure the state follows the public*
9 *health model approach in undertaking significant and*
10 *effective prevention and intervention efforts to prevent*
11 *and reduce violence, crime, and gangs.*

12 *(8) Evaluate existing state operated prevention and*
13 *intervention programs to determine their effectiveness*
14 *in preventing or reducing violence, crime, and gangs, as*
15 *well as in improving attitudes toward violence, crime,*
16 *and gangs.*

17 *(9) Develop a statewide plan for consolidating,*
18 *augmenting, allocating, and coordinating violence,*
19 *crime, and gang prevention programs and resources. The*
20 *plan shall be developed with the input and approval of*
21 *the advisory board described in Section 13822.6 and shall*
22 *be known as the California Violence Prevention and*
23 *Public Health Plan.*

24 *(10) Promote and advocate at all levels of government*
25 *for the provision, expansion, and funding of effective*
26 *community-based prevention and public health*
27 *programs as part of a balanced strategy for preventing*
28 *and reducing violence, crime, and gangs.*

29 *(11) Report annually to the Legislature, beginning at*
30 *the close of the second year of operation, no less than the*
31 *following information: (1) activities taken by the office*
32 *and their outcomes, (2) activities taken to implement the*
33 *California Violence Prevention and Public Health Plan,*
34 *and their outcomes, (3) the number of at-risk youth and*
35 *young adults and at-risk families, as defined in this*
36 *chapter, participating in violence, crime, and gang*
37 *prevention programs operated by the state and by the*
38 *office, and the outcomes of their participation, (4) the*
39 *number of youth arrested for violence, crime, or gang*
40 *activity, the disposition of their arrest, and the number of*



1 youth made wards of the courts, (5) the number of adults
2 arrested for violence, crime, or gang activity, the
3 disposition of their arrest, and (6) the number of adults
4 sentenced to jail, state, or federal prison.

5 (12) The office shall not engage, promote, or
6 otherwise support containment or suppression-type
7 activities that include, but are not limited to, types of
8 activities that require the identification, monitoring, or
9 disclosure of gang members and juvenile and adult
10 offenders, to law enforcement agencies.

11 13827.3. (a) A grant program is hereby established to
12 carry out the goals specified in subdivision (b). The grant
13 program shall be administered by the Office of Crime,
14 Violence, and Gang Prevention in accordance with the
15 provisions of this chapter.

16 (b) Programs administered under the grant program
17 required by this section shall be designed at a minimum
18 to do the following:

19 (1) Improve attitudes and behaviors toward violence,
20 crime, or gangs.

21 (2) Identify specific goals and objectives.

22 (3) Take a public health model approach to
23 preventing and reducing crime by identifying risk
24 factors, implementing protective factors, and
25 undertaking community campaign efforts.

26 (4) Target at-risk youth and young adults, including
27 both males and females and those in or exiting the
28 juvenile justice system, and at-risk families.

29 (5) Require the involvement of community-based
30 organizations.

31 (6) Require collaboration with other organizations
32 and agencies where appropriate.

33 (7) Require that each program be objectively
34 evaluated to determine whether attitudes and behaviors
35 toward violence, crime, or gangs are being improved and
36 whether program goals and objectives are being met.

37 (c) This grant program shall provide funding to, but
38 not be limited to, funding, the following types of
39 prevention and intervention programs:



1 (1) Community-based youth violence, crime, or gang
2 prevention or early intervention programs.

3 (2) School-based youth violence, crime, or gang
4 prevention programs.

5 (3) Early childhood intervention programs designed
6 to prevent violence, crime, or gangs, and which serve
7 young children and families at risk.

8 (4) Family violence, domestic violence, and sexual
9 assault prevention programs.

10 (5) Programs that provide shelter and support
11 services to runaway youth and their families.

12 (6) Prevention programs that include alcohol and
13 substance abuse prevention efforts.

14 (7) Intervention programs that provide support
15 services to youth and young adults in or exiting the
16 juvenile justice system, and to their families.

17 (8) Prevention programs that include health care
18 services.

19 (9) Intensive home visiting programs that promote,
20 improve, and strengthen at-risk families.

21 (10) Programs that (i) identify precursors to violence
22 through the collection of stratified random samples from
23 communities to ascertain prenatal exposure to drugs and
24 alcohol, patterns of behavior in preschools, elementary
25 school incidents, and other relevant data, (ii) establish
26 productive school, neighborhood, and family
27 environments to reduce substance abuse, antisocial
28 behavior, school learning, and other adverse events, and
29 (iii) assure adequate recognition, and reinforcement for
30 young people who take responsibility for their
31 community and engage in productive activity.

32 13827.4. (a) At-risk youth and young adults are
33 hereby defined to include, but not limited to, persons
34 between the ages of 0 to 25 years, inclusive, who fall into
35 one of the following categories:

36 (1) Prenatal exposure to alcohol or drugs.

37 (2) Exhibit excessively aggressive or violent behavior.

38 (3) Abuse alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances.

39 (4) Have been emotionally, physically, or sexually
40 abused.



1 (5) *Have entered the juvenile justice system.*

2 (6) *Are identified by the juvenile justice system as*
3 *being at risk.*

4 (7) *Are current or former gang members.*

5 (8) *Have one or more family members who are*
6 *current or former gang members.*

7 (9) *Are wards of the court, as defined in Section 601 or*
8 *602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.*

9 (10) *Have recently been released from the*
10 *Department of the Youth Authority, juvenile hall, boot*
11 *camp, or other state or local governmental youth*
12 *detention facility.*

13 (b) *At-risk youth and young adults may also include,*
14 *but not be limited to, persons between the ages of 0 to 25*
15 *years, inclusive, who fall into no less than two of the*
16 *categories identified in this subdivision, or a combination*
17 *of categories identified in this subdivision and in*
18 *subdivision (a):*

19 (1) *Live in high crime or high violence neighborhood*
20 *as identified by state or federal agencies.*

21 (2) *Live in a low-income neighborhood.*

22 (3) *Are excessively absent from school or performing*
23 *poorly in school.*

24 (4) *Come from socially dysfunctional families as*
25 *diagnosed by a social service or health professional.*

26 (5) *Have run away from home.*

27 (c) *At-risk families are defined to include, but are not*
28 *limited to, families that are comprised of at least one*
29 *at-risk youth or young adult as defined by this section or*
30 *have been identified as at risk of engaging in negligent,*
31 *abusive, or criminal behavior.*

32 13827.5. (a) *The following state programs that are*
33 *designed to prevent and deter youth violence, crime, or*
34 *gangs, to target at-risk youth and young adults, and do not*
35 *require suppression activities, and the personnel that*
36 *operate them shall be transferred to the Office of*
37 *Violence, Crime, and Gang Prevention within one to two*
38 *years of the enactment of this chapter.*

39 (1) *The Board of Corrections, the At-Risk Youth Early*
40 *Intervention Program, the Juvenile Crime Enforcement*



1 *and Accountability Challenge Grant Program, and the*
2 *Repeat Offender Prevention Grant program.*

3 (2) *The California Department of Education, the*
4 *Conflict Resolution and Youth Mediation Program, the*
5 *Gang Risk Intervention Program Grant, the High Risk*
6 *Youth Education and Public Safety Program, and the*
7 *Targeted Truancy and Public Safety Program.*

8 (3) *The Department of Social Services, the*
9 *Community Alternatives to Violence Program, and the*
10 *Juvenile Crime Prevention Initiative Program.*

11 (b) *In consolidating the programs listed in subdivision*
12 *(a) into the Office of Violence, Crime, and Gang*
13 *Prevention, it is the intent of the Legislature that these*
14 *programs continue to receive funding subject to*
15 *applicable legislation, if they are found to be promising or*
16 *effective in preventing or reducing violence, crime, or*
17 *gang activity, and if they are found to be promising or*
18 *effective in improving attitudes and behaviors of at-risk*
19 *youth, young adults, or families toward violence, crime,*
20 *and gangs.*

21 (c) *The office is not precluded from entering into a*
22 *memorandum of understanding with state departments*
23 *operating any of the programs identified in this section*
24 *for purposes of allowing the state departments to*
25 *continue operating any of these programs if the program*
26 *is scheduled to terminate within one year of the date the*
27 *program is to be transferred to the office.*

28 (d) *The office and the advisory board shall develop a*
29 *plan for transferring these programs into the office in a*
30 *timely and orderly fashion.*

31 13827.6. (a) *An advisory board shall be formed to*
32 *meet at least four times a year and to carry out the*
33 *following duties:*

34 (1) *Provide direction and make recommendations*
35 *regarding the activities, priorities, and policies of the*
36 *office.*

37 (2) *Provide input and recommendations for a*
38 *prevention plan to be developed by the office pursuant*
39 *to paragraph (9) of subdivision (b) of Section 13827.2.*



1 (3) Take a visible and active role to inform the public
2 of the need for expanding and funding public health and
3 prevention strategies that can effectively prevent and
4 reduce violence, gangs, and crime.

5 (4) Develop relationships with the public and private
6 sector for purposes of applying for and securing resources
7 for the grant program.

8 (5) Assist the office in promoting prevention programs
9 and strategies in local communities.

10 (6) Assist the office in developing state prevention and
11 intervention policy that fill in the gap in existing policy
12 relating to at-risk youth and young adults, and wards
13 under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

14 (b) The advisory board shall be comprised of the
15 following members:

16 (1) The Director of the Office of Criminal Justice
17 Planning.

18 (2) The Director of the Department of Health
19 Services.

20 (3) The Director of the Department of the Youth
21 Authority.

22 (4) A chief probation officer to be appointed by the
23 Governor.

24 (5) A local law enforcement officer to be appointed by
25 the Governor.

26 (6) A health professional with expertise in violence,
27 crime, or gang prevention issues to be appointed by the
28 Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

29 (7) A social or health practitioner having expertise in
30 violence, crime, or gang prevention matters to be
31 appointed by the Director of the Office of Criminal
32 Justice Planning.

33 (8) A criminologist or juvenile justice expert having
34 specialized knowledge with violence, crime, or gang
35 prevention matters to be appointed by the Director of the
36 Office of Criminal Justice planning.

37 (9) A representative of a school district or county
38 office of education that has implemented a collaborative,
39 school-based violence, crime, or gang prevention



1 program, to be appointed by the Director of the Office of
2 Criminal Justice Planning.

3 (10) Representatives of no less than three
4 community-based organizations which follow the public
5 health model approach in preventing or reducing youth
6 violence, crime, or gang activity to be appointed by the
7 Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

8 (11) Two youth members under the age of 25 years
9 having experience in programs, services, or activities
10 related to preventing violence, crime, or gangs.

11 (12) Two members who shall be former youth
12 offenders or former gang members who are presently
13 working in a community-based setting to prevent youth
14 from engaging or continuing the cycle of violence, crime,
15 or gangs to be appointed by the Director of the Office of
16 Criminal Justice Planning.

17 (13) A representative of a community-based
18 organization that provides alcohol abuse education,
19 prevention, or treatment services to be appointed by the
20 Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

21 (14) A representative of a community-based
22 organization that provides substance abuse education,
23 prevention, or treatment services to be appointed by the
24 Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

25 13827.7. (a) The Youth Violence, Crime, and Gang
26 Prevention Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury.
27 Funds received from private, state, or federal sources for
28 violence, crime, or gang prevention purposes may be
29 deposited into the fund. Upon appropriation for those
30 purposes by the Legislature, these funds shall be used by
31 the Office of Youth Violence, Crime, and Gang
32 Prevention to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
33 Funds received by the office shall also be appropriated to
34 the Runaway Youth and Families in Crisis Project as
35 enacted pursuant to Chapter 1065 of the Statutes of 1998
36 for purposes of providing services in the Central Valley,
37 northern California and in southern California and to the
38 California Gang, Crime, and Violence Prevention
39 Partnership program, as enacted pursuant to Chapter 885
40 of the Statutes of 1997, for purposes of providing services



1 to the 30 grantees which were awarded funds in 1998
2 under such chapter and which have satisfactorily met
3 their contract obligations.

4 (b) Funding for the Office of Youth Violence, Crime
5 and Gang Prevention shall be provided from the General
6 Fund in an amount equal to _____ percent of the
7 operating budget of the Department of the Youth
8 Authority, and shall increase annually by five to 10
9 percent until the operating budget of the office equals the
10 operating budget of the Department of the Youth
11 Authority.

12 (c) Funding shall also be provided to the office from
13 revenue raised through the issuance of a special vehicle
14 license plate. The special plates issued pursuant to this
15 section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles
16 weighing no more than _____ thousand pounds. Plates
17 issued under this section shall expire in accordance with
18 the Vehicle Code governing special license plates. The
19 design and color of the plates shall be wholly within the
20 discretion of the Department of Motor Vehicles. An
21 applicant shall be charged a fifty dollar (\$50) fee for
22 original issuance in addition to the appropriate vehicle
23 registration fee, if applicable. Of this fee, thirty-five
24 dollars (\$35) shall be deposited into the Youth Violence,
25 Crime, and Gang Prevention Fund and fifteen dollars
26 (\$15) shall be deposited into the Special License Plate
27 Fund to be used by the Department of Motor Vehicles to
28 help defray administrative costs. For each registration
29 renewal period, a fee of twenty-seven dollars (\$27) shall
30 be charged in addition to the registration fee. Of this
31 twenty-seven dollar (\$27) fee, twenty-five dollars (\$25)
32 shall be deposited into the Youth Violence, Crime and
33 Gang Prevention Fund and two dollars (\$2) shall be
34 deposited into the Special License Fund.

35 ~~2030) is added to Division 2.5 of the Welfare and~~
36 ~~Institutions Code, to read:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Administering a grant program that makes resources available to community-based efforts that take a public health approach to preventing and reducing youth crime, violence, and gangs.

(5) Identifying and disseminating information regarding the availability of state, federal, public, and private funding which can be used for youth violence;



1 ~~crime, or gang prevention or intervention activities and~~
2 ~~services.~~

3 ~~(6) Applying for funding from state, federal, public,~~
4 ~~and private sources that can be awarded to organizations~~
5 ~~through the grant program.~~

6 ~~(7) Analyzing state public policy to assess California's~~
7 ~~responses to youth crime, violence, and gangs, and issuing~~
8 ~~recommendations to ensure the state follows the public~~
9 ~~health model approach in undertaking significant and~~
10 ~~effective prevention and intervention efforts to prevent~~
11 ~~and reduce youth violence, crime, and gangs.~~

12 ~~(8) Evaluating existing state-operated prevention and~~
13 ~~intervention programs to determine their effectiveness~~
14 ~~in preventing or reducing youth violence, crime, and~~
15 ~~gangs, as well as in improving attitudes toward youth~~
16 ~~violence, crime, and gangs.~~

17 ~~(9) Developing a statewide plan for consolidating,~~
18 ~~augmenting, allocating, and coordinating youth violence,~~
19 ~~crime, and gang prevention programs and resources. The~~
20 ~~plan shall be known as the California Youth Violence~~
21 ~~Prevention and Public Health Plan.~~

22 ~~(10) Promoting and advocating at all levels of~~
23 ~~government for the provision, expansion, and funding of~~
24 ~~effective community based prevention and public health~~
25 ~~programs as part of a balanced strategy for preventing~~
26 ~~and reducing youth violence, crime, and gangs.~~

27 ~~(11) Reporting annually to the Legislature, beginning~~
28 ~~at the close of the second year of operation, no less than~~
29 ~~the following information:~~

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

31 ~~(B) Activities taken to implement the California~~
32 ~~Youth Violence Prevention and Public Health Plan, and~~
33 ~~their outcomes.~~

34 ~~(C) The number of at-risk youth and young adults and~~
35 ~~at-risk families, as defined in this chapter, participating in~~
36 ~~violence, crime, and gang prevention programs operated~~
37 ~~by the state and by the office, and the outcomes of their~~
38 ~~participation.~~



1 ~~(D) The number of youth arrested for violence, crime,~~
2 ~~or gang activity, the disposition of their arrest, and the~~
3 ~~number of youth made wards of the courts.~~

4 ~~(E) The number of adults arrested for violence, crime~~
5 ~~or gang activity, the disposition of their arrest, and the~~
6 ~~number of adults sentenced to jail, state or federal prison.~~

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

