

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2489

Introduced by Assembly Member Romero

February 24, 2000

An act to add Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 13720) to Title 5 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to crime prevention, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2489, as introduced, Romero. Crime prevention: Family Violence Emergency Response Team.

Existing law contains various family violence prevention programs.

This bill would authorize the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to expand and augment existing Family Violence Emergency Response Teams to operate on a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week basis, as specified.

The bill would appropriate \$4,000,000 from the General Fund to the Controller for allocation to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to establish the pilot program described in these provisions.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. 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 13720) is added to Title 5 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, to
3 read:
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CHAPTER 3. FAMILY VIOLENCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
TEAM ACT OF 2000

13720. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) In 1997, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department developed an emergency response team pilot program called Safety Through Our Perseverance (STOP) in an effort to curb the escalating problem of family violence.

(b) The STOP intervention team was designed to strengthen the quality of community police service to families in crisis by providing them with immediate intervention, resource referral services, victim assistance, threat assessment, and safety planning.

(c) The STOP intervention team is the most comprehensive victim-oriented community policing project in this state and is currently operating in three of 19 sheriff's stations in Los Angeles County.

(d) The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is interested in providing training to other agencies to create their own STOP teams.

13721. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department may expand and augment existing Family Violence Emergency Response Teams to operate on a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week basis. In order to qualify for funding under this chapter, the department shall agree that participants in the program be trained for a minimum of 40 hours in a domestic violence course approved by the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training as set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 13519, and domestic violence advocates shall meet the minimum requirements set in Section 13823.15.

SEC. 2. The sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Controller for allocation to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to establish the pilot program described in Section 13721 of the Penal Code.

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