

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 26, 2000

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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, *and would require the San Francisco Police Department to use any funds provided by the bill to support a Nighttime Repeat Offender Inspector assigned to the department's Violence Response Unit, the duties of which would be to respond to calls for police services that involve repeated crimes against women; to conduct in-depth interviews with victims, witnesses, and suspects; and to collect physical evidence, as specified.*

The bill would appropriate ~~\$4,000,000~~ \$3,000,000 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, and would appropriate \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Controller for allocation to the San Francisco Police Department to establish the program described in these provisions.

Vote: 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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5 CHAPTER 3. FAMILY VIOLENCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
6 TEAM ACT OF 2000
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8 13720. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
9 following:

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

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

20 (c) The STOP intervention team is the most
21 comprehensive victim-oriented community policing
22 project in this state and is currently operating in three of
23 19 sheriff's stations in Los Angeles County.

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

27 (e) *Since 1990, the San Francisco Police Department*
28 *has participated in a multifaceted and coordinated effort*
29 *by every component of the criminal justice system to*
30 *address violent crimes against women. This partnership*



1 *has enhanced victims' ability to use the criminal justice*
2 *system to prosecute batterers and extricate themselves*
3 *from the cycle of violence and dependency. The*
4 *partnership includes the Police Department's Violence*
5 *Response Unit (DVRU), the courts, the district attorney,*
6 *the Commission on the Status of Women, the Mayor's*
7 *Criminal Justice Council, the Probation Department, as*
8 *well as various nonprofit organizations.*

9 13721. (a) The Los Angeles County Sheriff's
10 Department may expand and augment existing Family
11 Violence Emergency Response Teams to operate on a
12 24-hour, 7-day-a-week basis. ~~It~~

13 (b) *The San Francisco Police Department shall use*
14 *any funds provided by this act to support a Nighttime*
15 *Repeat Offender Inspector assigned to the department's*
16 *DVRU, the duties of which shall be to respond to calls for*
17 *police services that involve repeated crimes against*
18 *women; to conduct in-depth interviews with victims,*
19 *witnesses, and suspects; and to collect physical evidence.*

20 (c) *In order to qualify for funding under this chapter,*
21 ~~the department~~ *Los Angeles County Sheriff's*
22 *Department and the San Francisco Police Department*
23 *shall agree that participants in ~~the program~~ their*
24 *respective programs be trained for a minimum of 40*
25 *hours in a domestic violence course approved by the*
26 *Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training as*
27 *set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 13519, and domestic*
28 *violence advocates shall meet the minimum*
29 *requirements set in Section 13823.15.*

30 SEC. 2. The sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) is
31 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
32 Controller for allocation *according to the following*
33 *schedule:*

34 (1) *Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the Los*
35 *Angeles County Sheriff's Department to establish the*
36 *pilot program described in subdivision (a) of Section*
37 *13721 of the Penal Code.*

38 (2) *One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the San*
39 *Francisco Police Department to establish the program*



1 *described in subdivision (b) of Section 13721 of the Penal*
2 *Code.*

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