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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2489**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Romero**

February 24, 2000

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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, *Riverside County, and Alameda County Sheriff's Department Departments* 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 \$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, *in order to establish the program described in this bill*, would appropriate ~~\$1,000,000~~ *the following* from the General Fund ~~to the Controller for allocation~~: \$1,000,000 to the San Francisco Police Department ~~to establish the program described in these provisions~~; \$1,000,000 to the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department; and \$500,000 to the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department.

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. 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 *(a) In an effort to curb the escalating problem of*  
17 *family violence, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s*  
18 *Department, in 1997, developed an emergency response*  
19 *team pilot program called Safety Through Our*  
20 *Perseverance (STOP); the Riverside County Sheriff’s*  
21 *Department, in 1998, developed a similar pilot program*  
22 *called the Police Action Counseling Team (PACT); and*  
23 *the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department, in 1999,*  
24 *began preparations to develop a similar pilot program.*



1 (b) *The STOP/PACT intervention teams were*  
2 *designed to strengthen the quality of community police*  
3 *service to families in crisis by providing them with*  
4 *immediate intervention, resource referral services,*  
5 *victim assistance, threat assessment, and safety planning.*

6 ~~(e) The STOP intervention team is the most~~

7 (c) *The STOP/PACT intervention teams are the most*  
8 *comprehensive victim-oriented community policing*  
9 *project in this state and—~~is~~ are currently operating in—~~three~~*  
10 *six of—~~19~~ 23 sheriff's stations in Los Angeles County and*  
11 *throughout the central and eastern communities within*  
12 *Riverside County.*

13 ~~(d) The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is~~

14 (d) *The Los Angeles County and Riverside County*  
15 *Sheriff's Departments are interested in providing*  
16 *training to other agencies to create their own—STOP*  
17 *STOP/PACT teams.*

18 (e) *In 1999, the Alameda County Sheriff's Department*  
19 *began developing plans to create a pilot project that*  
20 *would replicate the current programs existing in Los*  
21 *Angeles and Riverside Counties.*

22 (f) *Since 1990, the San Francisco Police Department*  
23 *has participated in a multifaceted and coordinated effort*  
24 *by every component of the criminal justice system to*  
25 *address violent crimes against women. This partnership*  
26 *has enhanced victims' ability to use the criminal justice*  
27 *system to prosecute batterers and extricate themselves*  
28 *from the cycle of violence and dependency. The*  
29 *partnership includes the Police Department's Violence*  
30 *Response Unit (DVRU), the courts, the district attorney,*  
31 *the Commission on the Status of Women, the Mayor's*  
32 *Criminal Justice Council, the Probation Department, as*  
33 *well as various nonprofit organizations.*

34 ~~13721. (a) The Los Angeles County Sheriff's~~  
35 ~~Department~~

36 13721. (a) *The Los Angeles County, Riverside*  
37 *County, and Alameda County Sheriff's Departments may*  
38 *expand and augment existing Family Violence*  
39 *Emergency Response Teams to operate on a 24-hour,*  
40 *7-day-a-week basis.*



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

8 (c) In order to qualify for funding under this chapter,  
 9 ~~the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department~~ *the Los*  
 10 *Angeles County, Riverside County, and Alameda County*  
 11 *Sheriff's Departments* and the San Francisco Police  
 12 Department shall agree that participants in their  
 13 respective programs be trained for a minimum of 40  
 14 hours in a domestic violence course approved by the  
 15 Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training as  
 16 set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 13519, and domestic  
 17 violence advocates shall meet the minimum  
 18 requirements set in Section 13823.15.

19 ~~SEC. 2. The sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) is~~

20 *SEC. 2. The sum of five million five hundred thousand*  
 21 *dollars (\$5,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the*  
 22 *General Fund to the Controller for allocation according*  
 23 *to the following schedule:*

24 (1) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the Los  
 25 Angeles County Sheriff's Department to establish the  
 26 pilot program described in subdivision (a) of Section  
 27 13721 of the Penal Code.

28 (2) *One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Riverside*  
 29 *County Sheriff's Department to establish the pilot*  
 30 *program described in subdivision (a) of Section 13721 of*  
 31 *the Penal Code.*

32 (3) *Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the*  
 33 *Alameda County Sheriff's Department to establish the*  
 34 *pilot program described in subdivision (a) of Section*  
 35 *13721 of the Penal Code.*

36 (4) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the San  
 37 Francisco Police Department to establish the program



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

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