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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~~ *victim-oriented community policy project grants*.

Existing law contains various family violence prevention programs.

This bill would ~~authorize the Los Angeles County, Riverside County, and Alameda County Sheriff's 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 the following from the General Fund: \$1,000,000 to the San Francisco Police Department; \$1,000,000 to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department; and \$500,000 to the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. *require the Board of Corrections to administer and award victim-oriented community policing project grants on a competitive basis to counties that expand or establish programs designed to strengthen the quality of community police services to families in crisis by providing the families with immediate intervention, resource referral services, victim assistance, threat assessment, and safety planning. The bill would require the board to create an evaluation design for the projects, as specified, with participating counties required to provide specified information to the board, and would require the board to make reports, as specified, commencing on June 30, 2002, with a final report due on December 31, 2006.*

The bill would appropriate \$5,500,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Corrections for the purpose of implementing the provisions of the bill, with up to 5% of this amount made available to the board for administering the programs specified in the bill, as specified.

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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1 CHAPTER 3. FAMILY VIOLENCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
2 TEAM ACT OF 2000
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4 13720. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
5 following:

6 (a) In an effort to curb the escalating problem of
7 family violence, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's
8 Department, in 1997, developed an emergency response
9 team pilot program called Safety Through Our
10 Perseverance (STOP); the Riverside County Sheriff's
11 Department, in 1998, developed a similar pilot program
12 called the Police Action Counseling Team (PACT); and
13 the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, in 1999,
14 began preparations to develop a similar pilot program.

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

20 (c) The STOP/PACT intervention teams are the most
21 comprehensive victim-oriented community policing
22 project in this state and are currently operating in six of
23 23 sheriff's stations in Los Angeles County and throughout
24 the central and eastern communities within Riverside
25 County.

26 (d) The Los Angeles County and Riverside County
27 Sheriff's Departments are interested in providing
28 training to other agencies to create their own
29 STOP/PACT teams.

30 (e) In 1999, the Alameda County Sheriff's Department
31 began developing plans to create a pilot project that
32 would replicate the current programs existing in Los
33 Angeles and Riverside Counties.

34 (f) Since 1990, the San Francisco Police Department
35 has participated in a multifaceted and coordinated effort
36 by every component of the criminal justice system to
37 address violent crimes against women. This partnership
38 has enhanced victims' ability to use the criminal justice
39 system to prosecute batterers and extricate themselves
40 from the cycle of violence and dependency. The

1 partnership includes the Police Department's Violence
2 Response Unit (DVRU), the courts, the district attorney,
3 the Commission on the Status of Women, the Mayor's
4 Criminal Justice Council, the Probation Department, as
5 well as various nonprofit organizations.

6 ~~13721. (a) The Los Angeles County, Riverside
7 County, and Alameda County Sheriff's Departments may
8 expand and augment existing Family Violence
9 Emergency Response Teams to operate on a 24-hour,
10 7-day-a-week basis.~~

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

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

28 *13721. (a) The Board of Corrections shall administer
29 and award victim-oriented community policing project
30 grants on a competitive basis to counties that expand or
31 establish programs designed to strengthen the quality of
32 community police services to families in crisis by
33 providing the families with immediate intervention,
34 resource referral services, victim assistance, threat
35 assessment, and safety planning.*

36 *(b) The Board of Corrections shall create an
37 evaluation design for projects specified in subdivision (a)
38 that will assess the effectiveness of a program in regard to
39 curbing family violence. Participating counties shall
40 provide the board with specific outcome and*



1 *performance measures in a manner prescribed by the*
2 *board. Commencing on June 30, 2002, and annually*
3 *thereafter, the board shall submit a report to the*
4 *Legislature based on the evaluation design with a final*
5 *report due on December 31, 2006.*

6 SEC. 2. The sum of five million five hundred thousand
7 dollars (\$5,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the
8 General Fund to the ~~Controller for allocation according~~
9 ~~to the following schedule:~~

10 ~~(1) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the Los~~
11 ~~Angeles County Sheriff's Department to establish the~~
12 ~~pilot program described in subdivision (a) of Section~~
13 ~~13721 of the Penal Code.~~

14 ~~(2) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Riverside~~
15 ~~County Sheriff's Department to establish the pilot~~
16 ~~program described in subdivision (a) of Section 13721 of~~
17 ~~the Penal Code.~~

18 ~~(3) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the~~
19 ~~Alameda County Sheriff's Department to establish the~~
20 ~~pilot program described in subdivision (a) of Section~~
21 ~~13721 of the Penal Code.~~

22 ~~(4) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the San~~
23 ~~Francisco Police Department to establish the program~~
24 ~~described in subdivision (b) of Section 13721 of the Penal~~
25 ~~Code.—Board of Corrections for the purpose of~~
26 ~~implementing Chapter 3 (commencing with Section~~
27 ~~13720) of Title 5 of Part 4 of the Penal Code. Up to 5~~
28 ~~percent of this amount shall be available to the board for~~
29 ~~administering the programs specified in Section 13721,~~
30 ~~including providing technical assistance to counties and~~
31 ~~developing an evaluation component.~~

