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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2489

Introduced by Assembly Member Romero
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Strom-Martin)

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: victim-oriented community policy project grants.

Existing law contains various family violence prevention programs.

This bill would require the Board of Corrections to administer and award victim-oriented community policing project grants on a competitive basis to ~~counties~~ *county sheriff's departments* 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 *specify criteria for the competitive grants and 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 *on a one-time basis* 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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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 an effort to curb the escalating problem of
11 family violence, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's
12 Department, in 1997, developed an emergency response
13 team pilot program called Safety Through Our
14 Perseverance (STOP); the Riverside County Sheriff's
15 Department, in 1998, developed a similar pilot program
16 called the Police Action Counseling Team (PACT); and
17 the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, in 1999,
18 began preparations to develop a similar pilot program.

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



1 (c) The STOP/PACT intervention teams are the most
2 comprehensive victim-oriented community policing
3 project in this state and are currently operating in six of
4 23 sheriff's stations in Los Angeles County and throughout
5 the central and eastern communities within Riverside
6 County.

7 (d) The Los Angeles County and Riverside County
8 Sheriff's Departments are interested in providing
9 training to other agencies to create their own
10 STOP/PACT teams.

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

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

27 13721. (a) The Board of Corrections shall administer
28 and award victim-oriented community policing project
29 grants on a competitive basis to ~~counties~~ *county sheriff's*
30 *departments* that expand or establish programs designed
31 to strengthen the quality of community police services to
32 families in crisis by providing the families with immediate
33 intervention, resource referral services, victim assistance,
34 threat assessment, and safety planning.

35 (b) *The competitive grants shall be based on the*
36 *following criteria:*

37 (1) *The size of the county population.*

38 (2) *The number of prosecutions in domestic violence*
39 *cases.*



1 (3) *The number of convictions in domestic violence*
2 *cases.*

3 (c) The Board of Corrections shall create an
4 evaluation design for projects specified in subdivision (a)
5 that will assess the effectiveness of a program in regard to
6 curbing family violence. Participating counties shall
7 provide the board with specific outcome and
8 performance measures in a manner prescribed by the
9 board. Commencing on June 30, 2002, and annually
10 thereafter, the board shall submit a report to the
11 Legislature based on the evaluation design with a final
12 report due on December 31, 2006.

13 SEC. 2. The sum of five million five hundred thousand
14 dollars (\$5,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the
15 General Fund to the Board of Corrections *on a one-time*
16 *basis* for the purpose of implementing Chapter 3
17 (commencing with Section 13720) of Title 5 of Part 4 of
18 the Penal Code. Up to 5 percent of this amount shall be
19 available to the board for administering the programs
20 specified in Section 13721, including providing technical
21 assistance to counties and developing an evaluation
22 component.

