

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2716

Introduced by Assembly Member Bock

February 25, 2000

An act to add Title 11.9 (commencing with Section 14190) to Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to homicide prevention and victim services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2716, as introduced, Bock. Homicide prevention and services to crime victims.

Existing law establishes various crime prevention programs and provides for certain services for victims of crime.

This bill would establish the California Homicide Prevention and Victim Services Act.

The bill would establish a Homicide Prevention and Victim Services Fund, which would be funded through appropriations made in the annual Budget Act. The fund would be managed by the Attorney General, in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Board of Corrections, and the State Director of Health Services.

Moneys in the fund would be expended to evaluate and expand the most effective violence prevention and crime victim programs in each county and city, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 11.9 (commencing with Section
2 14190) is added to Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

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TITLE 11.9. CALIFORNIA HOMICIDE
PREVENTION AND VICTIM SERVICES ACT

7 14190. This title shall be known and may be cited as
8 the California Homicide Prevention and Victim Services
9 Act.

10 14191. (a) The Homicide Prevention and Victim
11 Services Fund is hereby established in the State Treasury
12 and shall be funded through appropriations made in the
13 annual Budget Act.

14 (b) The fund shall be managed by the Attorney
15 General, in consultation with the Superintendent of
16 Public Instruction, the Board of Corrections, and the
17 State Director of Health Services.

18 (c) Cities and counties may apply to the Attorney
19 General for a grant from the fund. The application shall
20 include a description of the violence prevention and
21 victim services programs that exist in the city or county
22 and an evaluation of the effectiveness of each of these
23 programs.

24 14192. (a) In awarding grants from the Homicide
25 Prevention and Victim Services Fund, the Attorney
26 General shall give priority to programs which provide the
27 following services in the most effective manner:

28 (1) Domestic violence prevention programs,
29 including, but not limited to, those serving families with
30 infants, providing shelter for those who are enmeshed in
31 violent relationships, serving family members of
32 homicide victims, serving people who have been arrested
33 in domestic violence incidents, or serving individuals who
34 need anger management counseling.

35 (2) School-based violence prevention programs,
36 including, but not limited to, those addressing character
37 development, those fostering a culture of peace on the



1 campus, and programs in which young people can learn
2 skills to help attain their goals nonviolently.

3 (3) Juvenile offender programs, including, but not
4 limited to, those serving individuals involved in the
5 juvenile probation, jail, or prison systems; those serving
6 youth who have been arrested at an early age, who are
7 failing in school, or who are involved with drugs or gangs.

8 (4) Parolee programs, including, but not limited to,
9 those serving to reintegrate prisoners so that they
10 become productive and law-abiding citizens.

11 (5) Mental health programs, including, but not limited
12 to, those providing shelter to mentally ill individuals, or
13 providing suicide prevention.

14 (b) In evaluating the effectiveness of programs
15 pursuant to subdivision (a), the Attorney General may
16 consider the following factors:

17 (1) Whether the program resulted in a significant
18 decrease in the number of violent crimes in the
19 jurisdiction of the applicant county or city.

20 (2) Whether the program received matching funds
21 from a local government.

22 (3) Whether, in the opinion of the Attorney General,
23 the program is well-administered.

24 (4) Whether the program has been subject to a
25 credible evaluation, as determined by the Attorney
26 General, and found to be successful and cost-effective.

27 14193. (a) The maximum amount that the Attorney
28 General may award to a city or county from the fund, shall
29 be 65 percent of the applicant program annual cost.

30 14194. (a) Cities and counties shall use funds
31 awarded from this fund solely for the purpose of homicide
32 prevention and victim services, including the
33 components listed in subdivision (a) of Section 14193. It
34 is the intent of the Legislature that each city and county
35 that receives a grant from this fund include all of those
36 components in its homicide prevention and victim
37 services program within five years of its initial receipt of
38 these funds.

39 (b) A city and county may combine the grants each
40 receives from the fund for the purpose of jointly



1 developing or operating homicide prevention and victim
2 services programs in their jurisdictions.

3 (c) The funding provided by this title shall not be used
4 to replace moneys that support existing programs or
5 caseloads, nor to fund programs that ceased to operate
6 after January 1, 1997. As a condition of receiving funds
7 under this title, cities and counties shall demonstrate that
8 they have continued those programs in existence to the
9 extent they are cost-effective in preventing homicide and
10 addressing the needs of families of homicide victims, and
11 that the programs are funded by sources other than this
12 title.

13 14195. The Attorney General shall expend 10 percent
14 of the moneys from the fund to evaluate the effectiveness
15 of violence prevention and victim services programs in
16 the state and to support the development of a
17 coordinated and cost-effective approach to violence
18 prevention and victim services on a statewide and
19 regional basis. The evaluation shall utilize the best
20 available information and be used by the Attorney
21 General to guide managers of homicide and victim
22 services programs toward increased effectiveness and to
23 guide state and private funding agencies toward the most
24 effective expenditure of available funds.

25 14196. The administrative costs of administering this
26 fund shall be paid from the General Fund pursuant to the
27 Budget Act.

28 14197. The Attorney General, after consultation as
29 provided by subdivision (b) of Section 14191, shall adopt
30 regulations governing the administration of this title.

