

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 24, 2000

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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~~ *Office of Criminal Justice Planning*.

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.~~ *Office of Criminal*
18 *Justice Planning.*

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

25 14192. (a) In awarding grants from the Homicide
26 Prevention and Victim Services Fund, the ~~Attorney~~
27 ~~General~~ *Office of Criminal Justice Planning* shall give
28 priority to programs which provide the following services
29 in the most effective manner:

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

37 (2) School-based violence prevention programs,
38 including, but not limited to, those addressing character



1 development, those fostering a culture of peace on the
2 campus, and programs in which young people can learn
3 skills to help attain their goals nonviolently.

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

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

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

15 (b) In evaluating the effectiveness of programs
16 pursuant to subdivision (a), the ~~Attorney General~~ *Office*
17 *of Criminal Justice Planning* may consider the following
18 factors:

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

22 (2) Whether the program received matching funds
23 from a local government.

24 (3) Whether, in the opinion of the ~~Attorney General~~
25 *Office of Criminal Justice Planning*, the program is
26 well-administered.

27 (4) Whether the program has been subject to a
28 credible evaluation, as determined by the ~~Attorney~~
29 ~~General~~ *Office of Criminal Justice Planning*, and found
30 to be successful and cost-effective.

31 14193. (a) The maximum amount that the ~~Attorney~~
32 ~~General~~ *Office of Criminal Justice Planning* may award
33 to a city or county from the fund, shall be 65 percent of
34 the applicant program annual cost.

35 14194. (a) Cities and counties shall use funds
36 awarded from this fund solely for the purpose of homicide
37 prevention and victim services, including the
38 components listed in subdivision (a) of Section ~~14193~~
39 *14192*. It is the intent of the Legislature that each city and
40 county that receives a grant from this fund include all of



1 those components in its homicide prevention and victim
2 services program within five years of its initial receipt of
3 these funds.

4 (b) A city and county may combine the grants each
5 receives from the fund for the purpose of jointly
6 developing or operating homicide prevention and victim
7 services programs in their jurisdictions.

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

18 14195. The ~~Attorney General~~ *Office of Criminal*
19 *Justice Planning* shall expend 10 percent of the moneys
20 from the fund to evaluate the effectiveness of violence
21 prevention and victim services programs in the state and
22 to support the development of a coordinated and
23 cost-effective approach to violence prevention and
24 victim services on a statewide and regional basis. The
25 evaluation shall utilize the best available information and
26 be used by the ~~Attorney General~~ *Office of Criminal*
27 *Justice Planning* to guide managers of homicide and
28 victim services programs toward increased effectiveness
29 and to guide state and private funding agencies toward
30 the most effective expenditure of available funds.

31 14196. The administrative costs of administering this
32 fund shall be paid from the General Fund pursuant to the
33 Budget Act.

34 14197. The ~~Attorney General~~ *Office of Criminal*
35 *Justice Planning*, after consultation as provided by
36 subdivision (b) of Section 14191, shall adopt regulations
37 governing the administration of this title.

