

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 26, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 994

Introduced by Senator Bowen

February 26, 1999

An act to amend Section 1203.10 of the Penal Code, and to amend Section 3201 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to narcotic addicts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 994, as amended, Bowen. Narcotic addicts.

(1) Existing law requires the probation officer of the county of the jurisdiction of an adult defendant, at the time of the plea or verdict of guilty, and when so directed by the court, to inquire into the antecedents, character, history, family environment, and offense of the defendant, and to report the same to the court and file his or her report in writing in the records of the court. When directed by the court, the report is required to contain the probation officer's recommendation for or against the release of the defendant on probation.

This bill would require the probation officer to inquire into the defendant's eligibility for commitment as a narcotic addict, and to include his or her findings in the report filed with the court. By increasing the duties of probation officers, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law provides for the involuntary civil commitment of narcotic addicts to institutions for treatment.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections to contract for an evaluation of this program by an independent

criminal justice policy expert to determine its effectiveness in reducing narcotics addiction and recidivism among offenders. *The bill would require that the evaluation be completed on or before January 1, 2003, and submitted to the Legislature on or before that date.*

(3) Under the program described in (2) above, any person committed to the Director of Corrections for confinement in the narcotic detention, treatment, and rehabilitation facility, whose execution of sentence was suspended pending an involuntary commitment for a criminal conviction in superior court, and who has spent a period of time in confinement or in custody, excluding any time spent on outpatient status, equal to that which he or she would have otherwise spent in state prison had sentence been executed, including application of good behavior and participation credit provisions, shall, upon reaching that accumulation of time, be released on parole under the jurisdiction of the Narcotic Addict Evaluation Authority. Existing law also provides that these good behavior and participation credit provisions, which authorize the Department of Corrections to reduce the term prescribed by $\frac{1}{3}$ for good behavior and participation, shall not apply to any person whose crime was committed on or after January 1, 1983.

This bill would provide that any person described above who is committed to the Director of Corrections for confinement in the narcotic detention, treatment, and rehabilitation facility on or after January 1, 2000, shall be eligible for a $\frac{1}{3}$ reduction in the period spent in custody or confinement, excluding time spent on outpatient status, for good behavior and participation.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by



the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1203.10 of the Penal Code is
2 amended to read:

3 1203.10. (a) At the time of the plea or verdict of
4 guilty of any person over 18 years of age, the probation
5 officer of the county of the jurisdiction of the defendant
6 shall, when so directed by the court, inquire into the
7 antecedents, character, history, family environment, and
8 offense of the defendant, including his or her eligibility
9 for commitment as a narcotic addict pursuant to Article
10 2 (commencing with Section 3050) of Chapter 1 of
11 Division 3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The
12 probation officer shall report the same to the court and
13 file his or her report in writing in the records of the court.
14 When directed, the report shall contain the probation
15 officer's recommendation for or against the release of the
16 defendant on probation. If the defendant is released on
17 probation and committed to the care of the probation
18 officer, the officer shall keep a complete and accurate
19 record in writing of all of the following:

20 (1) The history of the case in court.

21 (2) The name of the probation officer and his or her act
22 in connection with the case.

23 (3) The age, sex, nativity, residence, education, habit
24 of temperance, marital status, conduct, employment,
25 occupation, parents' occupation, and condition of the
26 person committed to his or her care during the term of
27 probation.

28 (4) The result of probation.

29 (b) The record of the probation officer shall be and
30 constitute a part of the records of the court, and shall at
31 all times be open to the inspection of the court or of any
32 person appointed by the court for that purpose, as well as
33 of all magistrates, and the chief of police, or other heads



1 of the police, unless otherwise ordered by the court. The
2 records shall be furnished for the use of the probation
3 officer of the county, and shall be paid for out of the
4 county treasury.

5 (c) Five years after termination of probation in any
6 case subject to this section, the probation officer may
7 destroy any records and papers in his or her possession
8 relating to the case.

9 SEC. 2. Section 3201 of the Welfare and Institutions
10 Code is amended to read:

11 3201. (a) Except as otherwise provided in
12 subdivisions (b) and (c) of this section, if a person
13 committed pursuant to this chapter has not been
14 discharged from the program prior to the expiration of 16
15 months, the Director of Corrections shall, on the
16 expiration of that period, return the person to the court
17 from which he or she was committed, and the court shall
18 discharge the person from the program and order him or
19 her returned to the court in which criminal proceedings
20 were adjourned, or the imposition of sentence suspended,
21 prior to his or her commitment or certification to the
22 superior court.

23 (b) Any other provision of this chapter
24 notwithstanding, in any case in which a person was
25 committed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with
26 Section 3100), the person shall be discharged no later than
27 12 months after his or her commitment.

28 (c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (d) of Section
29 2931 of the Penal Code, any person described in
30 paragraph (2), who is committed pursuant to Article 2
31 (commencing with Section 3050) on or after January 1,
32 2000, shall be eligible for a one-third reduction in the
33 period spent in custody or confinement, excluding time
34 spent on outpatient status, for good behavior and
35 participation. Good behavior and participation credit is a
36 privilege, not a right. Good behavior and participation
37 credit shall be earned and may be forfeited pursuant to
38 Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 2930) of Chapter
39 7 of Title 1 of Part 3 of the Penal Code.



1 (2) Any person committed pursuant to Article 2
2 (commencing with Section 3050), whose execution of
3 sentence in accordance with the provisions of Section
4 1170 of the Penal Code was suspended pending a
5 commitment pursuant to Section 3051, who has spent,
6 pursuant to this chapter, a period of time in confinement
7 or in custody, excluding any time spent on outpatient
8 status, equal to that which he or she would have otherwise
9 spent in state prison had sentence been executed,
10 including application of good behavior and participation
11 credit earned pursuant to paragraph (1), shall, upon
12 reaching that accumulation of time, be released on parole
13 under the jurisdiction of the Narcotic Addict Evaluation
14 Authority subject to all of the conditions imposed by the
15 authority and subject to the provisions of Article 1
16 (commencing with Section 3000) of Chapter 8 of Title 1
17 of Part 3 of the Penal Code.

18 (3) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), or
19 as otherwise provided in Section 3200, the period of
20 commitment, including outpatient status, for persons
21 committed pursuant to Section 3051, when that
22 commitment is subsequent to a criminal conviction for
23 which execution of sentence to state prison is suspended,
24 shall equal the term imposed under Section 1170 of the
25 Penal Code, notwithstanding the good time and
26 participation credit provisions of paragraph (1) or Article
27 2.5 (commencing with Section 2930) of Chapter 7 of Title
28 1 of Part 3 of the Penal Code. Upon reaching that period
29 of time, the person shall be released on parole under the
30 jurisdiction of the Narcotic Addict Evaluation Authority
31 subject to all of the conditions imposed by the authority
32 and subject to the provisions of Article 1 (commencing
33 with Section 3000) of Chapter 8 of Title 1 of Part 3 of the
34 Penal Code.

35 (4) A person on parole pursuant to paragraph (2) or
36 (3) who violates the rules, regulations, or conditions
37 imposed by the authority shall be subject to being retaken
38 and returned to the California Rehabilitation Center as
39 prescribed in those rules, regulations, or conditions and
40 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3151 and



1 3152. At the termination of this period of parole
2 supervision, or of custody in the California Rehabilitation
3 Center, the person shall be returned by the Director of
4 Corrections to the court from which he or she was
5 committed, and the court shall discharge the person from
6 the program and order him or her returned to the court
7 that suspended execution of the person's sentence to state
8 prison. The court, notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, shall suspend or terminate further proceedings in the
10 interest of justice, modify the sentence in the same
11 manner as if the commitment had been recalled pursuant
12 to subdivision (d) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, or
13 order execution of the suspended sentence. Upon
14 ordering the execution of the sentence, the term imposed
15 shall be deemed to have been served in full.

16 (d) Nothing in this section shall preclude a person who
17 has been discharged from the program from being
18 recommitted under the program, irrespective of the
19 periods of time of any previous commitments.

20 (e) The Department of Corrections shall contract for
21 an evaluation of the program provided for in this chapter
22 by an independent criminal justice policy expert to
23 determine its effectiveness in reducing narcotics
24 addiction and recidivism among offenders. *The*
25 *evaluation shall be completed on or before January 1,*
26 *2003, and submitted to the Legislature on or before that*
27 *date.*

28 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the
29 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates
30 determines that this act contains costs mandated by the
31 state, reimbursement to local agencies and school
32 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7
33 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
34 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the
35 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million
36 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from
37 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

38 ~~Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government~~
39 ~~Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act~~



1 ~~shall become operative on the same date that the act~~
2 ~~takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.~~

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