

Introduced by Senator Vasconcellos

February 26, 1999

An act relating to inmates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1117, as introduced, Vasconcellos. Inmates: rehabilitation.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to establish a program that would enlist the families of inmates in the rehabilitation of the inmates.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of
2 the following:

3 (a) The public safety of all Californians is best served
4 by operation of our state prison system in a manner that
5 maximizes the opportunities for inmates, especially those
6 who are eventually going to be released back into our
7 midst, to be prepared by enhancing their capabilities to
8 lead constructive lives, safe for the rest of us, upon their
9 release.

10 (b) It is therefore in the public interest of all
11 Californians, by contributing to all of our public safety, to
12 systematically engage the families of inmates in designing
13 and implementing their rehabilitation process.

1 (c) The Legislature intends hereby to have the
2 Department of Corrections design and implement a
3 program which will, to the maximum extent feasible and
4 valuable, enlist the families of inmates in their
5 rehabilitation process, so that when each of them is
6 released back into our midst, he or she is more able to lead
7 a constructive life, enhancing the public safety of all
8 Californians.

9 SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting
10 this chapter, to establish a program in the Department of
11 Corrections which will enlist the families of inmates in the
12 rehabilitation process.

