

Introduced by Senator Chesbro

February 23, 2000

An act to amend Section 6045.6 of the Penal Code, relating to mental health courts, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1769, as introduced, Chesbro. Mental health courts.

Existing law requires the Board of Corrections, in consultation with the State Department of Mental Health and the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, to establish minimum standards, funding schedules, and procedures for awarding grants relating to programs for mentally ill inmates.

This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount from the General Fund for the purpose of funding a grant program under the above provision to establish mental health courts.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6045.6 of the Penal Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 6045.6. (a) The Board of Corrections, in consultation
- 4 with the State Department of Mental Health and the
- 5 State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, shall
- 6 establish minimum standards, funding schedules, and

1 procedures for awarding grants, which shall take into
2 consideration, but not be limited to, all of the following:

3 ~~(a)~~

4 (1) Percentage of the jail population with severe
5 mental illness.

6 ~~(b)~~

7 (2) Demonstrated ability to administer the program.

8 ~~(c)~~

9 (3) Demonstrated ability to develop effective
10 responses to provide treatment and stability for persons
11 with severe mental illness.

12 ~~(d)~~

13 (4) Demonstrated history of maximizing federal, state,
14 local, and private funding sources.

15 ~~(e)~~

16 (5) Likelihood that the program will continue to
17 operate after state grant funding ends.

18 (b) *The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) is hereby*
19 *appropriated from the General Fund for the purpose of*
20 *funding a grant program under subdivision (a) to*
21 *establish mental health courts.*

