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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 2183**

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**Introduced by Senator Soto**

**(Coauthors: Senators Polanco and Solis)**

*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bock, Firebaugh, Hertzberg, Knox, Kuehl, Lowenthal, Strom-Martin, and Washington)*

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An act to add Article 5 (commencing with Section 13839) to Chapter 4 of Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to trauma intervention, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2183, as amended, Soto. Trauma intervention.

Under existing law, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) funds, among other programs, various programs relating to victims services.

*This bill would appropriate \$534,000 from the General Fund to OCJP for the purpose of implementing a multi-site trauma intervention project to replicate and expand the existing OCJP-funded Child Trauma Intervention Program for youth exposed to community violence. The bill would require OCJP*

to report to the Legislature annually on the program, on an interim basis, and to provide a full report by February 1, 2005.

~~This bill would appropriate \$1,550,000 from the General Fund to OCJP for the purpose of operating, for the first year of a 3-year pilot program, an expanded version of a child trauma reduction pilot program that currently provides trauma and grief intervention to students.~~

~~The bill would require the Legislative Analyst office to conduct an evaluation of the program and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Legislative Analyst office for the purpose of conducting this evaluation.~~

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1     ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and~~  
2     SECTION 1. Article 5 (commencing with Section  
3     13839) is added to Chapter 4 of Title 6 of Part 4 of the  
4     Penal Code, to read:

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6             Article 5. Youth Victim of Crime Trauma  
7                     Intervention Program

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9     13839. The Office of Criminal Justice Planning  
10  (OCJP) shall administer a multi-site trauma intervention  
11  project to replicate and expand the existing OCJP-funded  
12  Child Trauma Intervention Program for youth exposed to  
13  community violence. The goal of this program is to  
14  reduce the impact of trauma on child and adolescent  
15  victims or witnesses of violent crime or witnesses of  
16  traumatic death caused by exposure to community  
17  violence.

18  (a) The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall issue  
19  a statewide competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) to  
20  replicate and expand this existing trauma intervention  
21  program. The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall  
22  subsequently award grants, to three sites for program  
23  expansion. Applicants shall be required to provide a 20  
24  percent in-kind match of the total grant award. Grants



1 *provided under this program shall be for a period of four*  
2 *years.*

3 *(b) In selecting the sites for program implementation,*  
4 *the Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall consider the*  
5 *following factors, including, but not limited to:*

6 *(1) Documentation of sufficient numbers of youth*  
7 *exposed to violent crime and traumatic death in the*  
8 *surrounding community to be served by the program.*

9 *(2) The ability of the applicants to demonstrate a*  
10 *coordinated plan with school and community mental*  
11 *health services, local victim-witness assistance programs,*  
12 *and local law enforcement officials to support successful*  
13 *program implementation.*

14 *(3) The applicant demonstrates that the school district*  
15 *is willing to participate.*

16 *(4) The ability to provide a 20 percent in-kind match*  
17 *of the total grant award.*

18 *(c) The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall*  
19 *require a uniform, multi-site intervention outcome*  
20 *evaluation, using standardized measures to determine*  
21 *programs effectiveness. The outcome domains shall*  
22 *include, but are not limited to, the following:*

23 *(1) Psychological distress, including Posttraumatic*  
24 *Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, and grief.*

25 *(2) Educational outcomes, including grade-point*  
26 *average (GPA), class failures, attendance, and dropout*  
27 *rates.*

28 *(3) Behavioral and functional disturbance, including*  
29 *school disciplinary actions, classroom and home*  
30 *behaviors, aggressive behaviors, delinquency, gang*  
31 *involvement, and substance use.*

32 *(d) The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall*  
33 *conduct evaluations of service utilization and*  
34 *cost-effectiveness of service delivery.*

35 *(e) The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall*  
36 *report on the program to the Legislature annually, on an*  
37 *interim basis, and shall provide a full report by February*  
38 *1, 2005.*

39 *SEC. 2. The sum of five hundred and thirty-four*  
40 *thousand dollars (\$534,000) is hereby appropriated from*



1 *the General Fund to OCJP for the purpose of*  
2 *implementing this program in the first six months of a*  
3 *proposed four-year program period, with additional*  
4 *funding contingent upon an appropriation in the budget*  
5 *act. Of this amount, no more than 5 percent shall be*  
6 *available to OCJP to administer and conduct service*  
7 *utilization and cost-effectiveness evaluations of this*  
8 *program each year.*

9 ~~declares as follows:~~

10 ~~(a) The Office of Criminal Justice Planning currently~~  
11 ~~funds a child trauma reduction pilot program in one~~  
12 ~~school cluster consisting of one senior high school and two~~  
13 ~~feeder junior high schools in northwest Pasadena that~~  
14 ~~provides trauma and grief intervention services.~~

15 ~~(b) The pilot program identifies youth that are in need~~  
16 ~~of postviolence and postdisaster mental health services.~~  
17 ~~Many of the students who participated in this program~~  
18 ~~suffered severe and debilitating chronic Posttraumatic~~  
19 ~~Stress Disorder and had lost their motivation for learning.~~

20 ~~(c) The pilot program has been successful in reducing~~  
21 ~~post-traumatic stress symptoms and in improving~~  
22 ~~classroom behavior and academic achievement.~~

23 ~~(d) The pilot program shall be extended from one to~~  
24 ~~five clusters, two of which would be located in northern~~  
25 ~~California and three in southern California with specific~~  
26 ~~sites selected by the project partners in conjunction with~~  
27 ~~the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.~~

28 ~~SEC. 2. (a) The sum of one million five hundred fifty~~  
29 ~~thousand dollars (\$1,550,000) is hereby appropriated for~~  
30 ~~one year from the General Fund to the Office of Criminal~~  
31 ~~Justice Planning for the purpose of operating, for the first~~  
32 ~~year of a three-year pilot program, an expanded version~~  
33 ~~of the child trauma reduction pilot program that~~  
34 ~~currently provides trauma and grief intervention in one~~  
35 ~~cluster consisting of one high school and two junior high~~  
36 ~~schools in northwest Pasadena. The program shall be~~  
37 ~~expanded from one to five clusters, two of which would~~  
38 ~~be located in northern California and three in southern~~  
39 ~~California with specific sites selected by the project~~  
40 ~~partners in conjunction with the Office of Criminal~~



1 ~~Justice Planning. In selecting the five sites for~~  
2 ~~implementation of the program, the Office of Criminal~~  
3 ~~Justice Planning and the project partners shall consider:~~

4 ~~(1) The amount of crime and violence to which~~  
5 ~~students are exposed in the surrounding community.~~

6 ~~(2) The ability of the program managers to develop a~~  
7 ~~coordinated plan with school and community mental~~  
8 ~~health services, local victim-witness assistance programs,~~  
9 ~~and local law enforcement officials.~~

10 ~~(3) Approval of the program by the governing school~~  
11 ~~district.~~

12 ~~(b) (1) The program shall include an evaluation~~  
13 ~~component wherein the Legislative Analyst office shall~~  
14 ~~conduct, or contract with another entity to conduct, an~~  
15 ~~evaluation in which students treated in the program are~~  
16 ~~compared against a control group. The sum of one~~  
17 ~~hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is hereby~~  
18 ~~appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative~~  
19 ~~Analyst office for the purpose of conducting this~~  
20 ~~evaluation.~~

21 ~~(2) The Office of Criminal Justice Planning shall~~  
22 ~~report on the program to the Legislature annually, on an~~  
23 ~~interim basis, and shall provide a full report by February~~  
24 ~~1, 2004. This report shall include, but not be limited to, a~~  
25 ~~cost-benefit analysis and a recommendation with cost~~  
26 ~~component on implementing the program statewide.~~

27 ~~(3) The evaluation by the Legislative Analyst office~~  
28 ~~shall assess delivery and achievement of program~~  
29 ~~objectives, including enrollment rates of program~~  
30 ~~participants in postsecondary institutions.~~

31 ~~(4) The onsite program partners shall conduct~~  
32 ~~intervention outcome analyses within and across sites and~~  
33 ~~shall then report to the Legislative Analyst office, based~~  
34 ~~on the following domains:~~

35 ~~(A) Psychological distress.~~

36 ~~(B) School performance, including attendance, class~~  
37 ~~failure rates, dropout rates, and grade point average~~  
38 ~~(GPA).~~

39 ~~(C) Social behavior, including violent, aggressive, and~~  
40 ~~classroom disruptive behaviors.~~



1 ~~(D) Behavioral and functional disturbance, including~~  
2 ~~chronic posttraumatic stress disorder and attention~~  
3 ~~deficit symptoms.~~

4 ~~(E) Coping and adjustment, including disciplinary~~  
5 ~~actions and family functioning.~~

6 ~~(5) The evaluation shall include a cost benefit analysis~~  
7 ~~with regard to public safety, education, and health service~~  
8 ~~benefits.~~

9 ~~(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that, with respect~~  
10 ~~to future funding, alternative funding options be pursued~~  
11 ~~and no appropriation be made from the General Fund for~~  
12 ~~this program unless the evaluation required by this act~~  
13 ~~demonstrates the feasibility of statewide implementation~~  
14 ~~of the program.~~

