

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1603

Introduced by Assembly Member Wicks

February 22, 2019

An act to add Title 10.2 (commencing with Section 14130) to Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to criminal justice.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1603, as introduced, Wicks. California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program.

Existing law establishes the Board of State and Community Corrections. Existing law charges the board with providing the statewide leadership, coordination, and technical assistance to promote effective state and local efforts and partnerships in California's adult and juvenile criminal justice system, including addressing gang problems.

The existing Budget Act of 2018, establishes the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program, administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections, to award competitive grants for the purpose of violence intervention and prevention.

This bill would codify the establishment of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program and the authority and duties of the board in administering the program, including the selection criteria for grants and reporting requirements to the Legislature.

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 10.2 (commencing with Section 14130) is
2 added to Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

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4 TITLE 10.2. CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE INTERVENTION
5 AND PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM
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7 14130. (a) The California Violence Intervention and Prevention
8 Grant Program (CalVIP) is hereby created to be administered by
9 the Board of State and Community Corrections.

10 (b) An applicant for a CalVIP grant shall submit a proposal, in
11 a form prescribed by the board, which shall include, but not be
12 limited to, the following:

13 (1) Clearly defined and measurable objectives for the grant.

14 (2) A statement describing how the grant will enhance
15 coordination of existing violence prevention and intervention
16 programs and minimize duplication of services.

17 (c) In awarding CalVIP grants, the board shall give preference
18 to applicants that meet the following criteria:

19 (1) Serve communities with exceptionally high rates of
20 homicides, shootings, and community violence.

21 (2) Propose to utilize CalVIP funds primarily to support
22 evidence-based violence prevention and intervention programs,
23 initiatives, or strategies that have the greatest likelihood of reducing
24 violence without contributing to mass incarceration, including
25 programs that seek to break the cycle of violence and retaliation,
26 and programs that focus resources on those small segments of the
27 population most likely to perpetrate or be victimized by violent
28 crime.

29 (d) Each grantee shall commit a cash or in-kind contribution
30 equivalent to 50 percent of the grant awarded under this section.
31 The board may waive this requirement for good cause.

32 (e) The board shall form a grant selection advisory committee
33 including, without limitation, persons who have been impacted by
34 violence, formerly incarcerated persons, and persons with direct
35 experience in implementing evidence-based violence reduction
36 initiatives, including initiatives that incorporate public health and
37 community-based approaches.

1 (f) The board may use up to 5 percent of the funds appropriated
2 for the grant program each year for the costs of administering the
3 program including, without limitation, the employment of
4 personnel, providing technical assistance to grantees, and
5 evaluation of grants.

6 (g) Each grantee shall report to the board, in a form and at
7 intervals prescribed by the board, their progress in achieving the
8 grant objectives.

9 (h) The board shall, by no later than April 1 of each year, prepare
10 and submit a report to the Legislature in compliance with Section
11 9795 of the Government Code, including evaluations and
12 effectiveness of each grant program and analyzing the overall
13 effectiveness of the California Violence Intervention and
14 Prevention Grant Program.

15 (i) The board shall make evaluations of each grant program
16 available to the public.

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