

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 23, 2017

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017—18 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 927

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

February 16, 2017

An act to add Section 53069.81 to the Government Code, relating to private educational institutions, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 927, as amended, Levine. ~~Private educational institutions:~~ ~~schools:~~ supplemental law enforcement services: appropriation.

Existing law authorizes the county board of supervisors on behalf of the sheriff, and the legislative body of any city on behalf of the chief of police, to contract to provide supplemental law enforcement services to private schools, private colleges, or private universities on an occasional or ongoing basis. Existing law also requires full reimbursement to the county or city for its actual costs in providing these services. Existing law requires, prior to contracting for these ongoing services to be provided to a private school, private college, or private university, that the board of supervisors or legislative body, as applicable, discuss the contract and the legal requirements of those contracts at a duly noticed public hearing. Existing law also specifies that certain public university and college police departments certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training are not prevented from entering into agreements with private schools, private colleges, or private universities to provide law enforcement services.

This bill would create a private schools law enforcement grant program to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections. The bill would require the board to award grants to local

law enforcement agencies to provide supplemental law enforcement services to private schools, as provided. The bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the Controller for allocation to local governmental entities for the provision of supplemental law enforcement services to private schools, private colleges, or private universities pursuant to the provision described above. board for these purposes.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
 2 ~~following:~~
 3 ~~(a) The California Constitution states that “maximizing the~~
 4 ~~educational opportunities and protecting the health and safety” of~~
 5 ~~students in California is a responsibility of the State of California.~~
 6 ~~(b) There are close to 1,000,000 students who are victims of~~
 7 ~~violence in our nation, annually.~~
 8 ~~(c) Terror groups are globally targeting Christians and Jews~~
 9 ~~because of their faith. Many Islamic schools and Muslims are now~~
 10 ~~being threatened because of the actions of terror groups abroad.~~
 11 ~~(d) This state of affairs threatens religious institutions and~~
 12 ~~schools, and puts them at an increased risk due to the effect of~~
 13 ~~ongoing conflicts in the world.~~
 14 ~~(e) Every student has the right to learn in a safe, secure~~
 15 ~~environment, free from violence or fear of harm.~~
 16 ~~(f) The presence of trained security personnel on school property~~
 17 ~~provides an added measure of security for students and is a~~
 18 ~~deterrent to those looking to cause harm to students.~~
 19 ~~SECTION 1. Section 53069.81 is added to the Government~~
 20 ~~Code, to read:~~
 21 ~~53069.81. (a) A private schools law enforcement grant~~
 22 ~~program is hereby created to be administered by the Board of~~
 23 ~~State and Community Corrections.~~
 24 ~~(b) The board shall award grants to local law enforcement~~
 25 ~~agencies to provide supplemental law enforcement services to~~
 26 ~~private schools. The board shall develop guidelines for the program~~
 27 ~~that establish an application process and application criteria. In~~

1 *evaluating and awarding grants, the board shall consider all of*
2 *the following:*

3 *(1) The number of private schools in the jurisdiction.*

4 *(2) The number of prior incidents at private schools in the*
5 *jurisdiction that required a law enforcement response.*

6 *(3) The number of prior incidents at private schools in the*
7 *jurisdiction when, according to the applicant, local law*
8 *enforcement resources were inadequate and additional law*
9 *enforcement resources were required to supplement those*
10 *resources in order to adequately protect public safety.*

11 *(c) A city, county, or city and county law enforcement agency,*
12 *including a city police department or a county sheriff's office, shall*
13 *be eligible to apply for a grant under subdivision (b).*

14 *(d) The program established pursuant to this section shall be*
15 *restricted to supporting local law enforcement agencies that*
16 *provide supplemental law enforcement services to private schools*
17 *in their jurisdictions pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (a)*
18 *of Section 53069.8, with priority to those agencies that identify a*
19 *heightened risk of violence, hate crimes, or other criminal activity*
20 *to specific private schools, or to the students, teachers, parents,*
21 *or staff at those schools.*

22 SEC. 2. The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is hereby
23 appropriated from the General Fund to the ~~Controller for allocation~~
24 ~~to local governmental entities~~ *Board of State and Community*
25 *Corrections to establish a law enforcement grant program for the*
26 *provision of supplemental law enforcement services to private*
27 *schools, private colleges, or private universities schools pursuant*
28 *to paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 53069.8 Section*
29 *53069.81 of the Government Code.*

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