

Assembly Bill No. 767

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Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add and repeal Article 4 (commencing with Section 8195) of Chapter 2.8 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to the State Capitol Sustainability Task Force.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 767, John A. Pérez. State Capitol Sustainability Task Force.

Existing law authorizes the Director of General Services to repair and alter buildings within the Capitol area, as defined.

This bill would, until January 1, 2014, establish the State Capitol Sustainability Task Force to coordinate activities with state agencies and the private sector to develop and implement a State Capitol Sustainability Initiative for the State Capitol Building, the Legislative Office Building, and the State Capitol Park grounds.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

(a) California's State Capitol opened in 1869, and is now 142 years old. In the mid-1970s, the State Capitol underwent a major restoration and reopened to the public in 1982.

(b) As one of the state's most historic and visible structures, the State Capitol Building and park represent a unique opportunity to demonstrate environmental leadership, by showcasing sustainable practices and providing an environmental educational experience to the nearly 800,000 annual visitors.

(c) Operations at the State Capitol must become even more sustainable, with efforts focused on energy efficiency, water conservation, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, alternative fuel vehicles, waste diversion and recycling, the use of renewable energy sources, and the purchase of environmentally friendly products.

(d) The California State Legislature has instituted a number of these practices, including replacing computer monitors with more energy-efficient flat screens, purchasing recycled content carpeting, paper, and other products, using low volatile organic compound

paints, electronically distributing documents, and upgrading the fuel efficiency of the vehicle fleet by purchasing hybrid cars.

(e) These activities save money and protect the environment; however, the Legislature needs to take a more comprehensive approach by deploying sustainable practices throughout its operations.

SEC. 2. Article 4 (commencing with Section 8195) is added to Chapter 2.8 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

Article 4. State Capitol Sustainability Task Force

8195. (a) There is hereby established the State Capitol Sustainability Task Force, referred to as the task force for purposes of this article.

(b) The task force is composed of seven members, appointed as follows:

(1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, each of whom shall be a Member of the Assembly or an employee of the Assembly.

(2) Two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, each of whom shall be a Member of the Senate or an employee of the Senate.

(3) Two members appointed by the Governor, who shall be a member of the Governor's staff or a Governor's appointee in the executive branch of state government.

(4) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, who shall be a member of the Lieutenant Governor's staff.

(c) Each member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing power.

8195.1. (a) The task force shall develop and implement a State Capitol Sustainability Initiative for the State Capitol Building, the Legislative Office Building, and the State Capitol Park grounds.

(b) The task force shall coordinate activities with state agencies and the private sector to do the following:

(1) Join the California Climate Action Registry to track and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

(2) Benchmark and monitor building operations, such as energy and water use.

(3) Increase the overall fuel economy and fuel diversity of the vehicle fleet.

(4) Improve waste diversion practices, including material and electronic waste recycling, composting, and materials reuse.

(5) Invest in energy efficiency and water conservation technologies.

(6) Promote environmentally preferable purchasing, such as green and recycled content products.

(7) Incorporate renewable energy, such as photovoltaic technology, into our energy supply.

(8) Integrate sustainable practices: double-sided copying, the use of low volatile organic compound paints, integrated pest management, and electronic distribution of documents into its administrative operations.

(9) Seek a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), ENERGY STAR, or other green building rating.

(10) Partner with utility companies, water districts, labor organizations, environmental groups, and the federal and local governments and private industry to develop green demonstration projects.

(11) Develop environmental education materials for student groups and other visitors to the State Capitol.

(12) Finalize the Capitol Park Master Plan, including improving bicycle access to the park and establishing bicycle paths for those portions of Capitol Avenue and 13th Street that are within the park grounds.

(c) The Department of General Services shall seek grant funding and other opportunities, consistent with the directives of the task force, to recognize the efforts of the State Capitol Sustainability Initiative.

8195.2. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.

Approved _____, 2011

Governor