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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2060

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez

February 20, 2014

An act to add Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1234) to Title 8 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, relating to recidivism.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2060, as amended, V. Manuel Pérez. Supervised Population Workforce Training Grant Program.

Existing law defines probation to mean the suspension of the imposition or execution of a sentence *of an individual convicted of a crime* and the order of *his or her* conditional and revocable release in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. Existing law authorizes probation for some, but not all, felony convictions.

Existing law requires all eligible people released from prison on and after October 1, 2011, or, whose sentences have been deemed served, as provided, after serving a prison term for a felony, upon release from prison, and for a period not exceeding 3 years immediately following release, to be subject to postrelease community supervision provided by a county agency designated by each county's board of supervisors that is consistent with evidence-based practices, including, but not limited to, supervision policies, procedures, programs, and practices demonstrated by scientific research to reduce recidivism among individuals under postrelease supervision. Existing law authorizes a

court, when sentencing a person to county jail for a felony, to commit the person to county jail for either the full term in custody, as specified, or to suspend the execution of a concluding portion of the term selected at the court’s discretion. Under existing law, this period of suspended execution is supervised by the county probation officer and is known as mandatory supervision.

Existing law creates the Recidivism Reduction Fund in the State Treasury, available upon appropriation by the Legislature, for, among other things, activities designed to reduce recidivism of the state’s prison population.

This bill would establish the Supervised Population Workforce Training Grant Program to be administered, as provided, by the California Workforce Investment Board and funded, upon appropriation by the Legislature, using moneys from the Recidivism Reduction Fund. The bill, among other things, would provide grant program eligibility criteria for counties. The bill would also provide that eligible uses for grant funds include, but are not limited to, vocational training, stipends for trainees, and apprenticeship opportunities for the supervised population, which would include individuals on probation, mandatory supervision, and postrelease community supervision. By January 1, 2017, the board would be required to submit a report to the Legislature containing specified information, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the grant program.

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. Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1234) is
2 added to Title 8 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 4. SUPERVISED POPULATION WORKFORCE TRAINING
5 GRANT PROGRAM
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7 1234. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have
8 the following meanings:

9 (a) “California Workforce Investment Board” or “State WIB”
10 means the California Workforce Investment Board established
11 pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 14010) of Chapter
12 3 of Division 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.

1 (b) “Grant program” means the Supervised Population
2 Workforce Training Grant Program.

3 (c) “Recidivism Reduction Fund” means the Recidivism
4 Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section 1233.9.

5 (d) “Supervised population” means those persons who are on
6 probation, mandatory supervision, or postrelease community
7 supervision and are supervised by, or are under the jurisdiction of,
8 the county.

9 1234.1. (a) This chapter establishes the Supervised Population
10 Workforce Training Grant Program to be administered by the
11 California Workforce Investment Board.

12 (b) The grant program shall be competitive and open to all
13 counties in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 1234.3.

14 (c) The grant program shall be funded, upon appropriation of
15 the Legislature, using moneys from the Recidivism Reduction
16 Fund.

17 1234.2. The State WIB shall administer the grant program as
18 follows:

19 (a) Develop criteria for the selection of grant recipients through
20 a public process.

21 (b) Design the grant program application to ensure all of the
22 following occurs:

23 (1) There is fairness and competitiveness for smaller counties.

24 (2) There is fair and equitable geographic distribution of grant
25 funds.

26 (3) There is greater consideration given to counties that have
27 demonstrated a collaborative working relationship with local
28 workforce investment boards ~~or~~ and that currently have in place
29 a workforce training program for the supervised population.

30 1234.3. (a) Each county is eligible to apply for the grant
31 program funds.

32 (b) (1) Preference shall be given to counties with demonstrated
33 matching funding.

34 (2) Matching funds may come from governmental or
35 nongovernmental sources, including, but not limited to, local
36 workforce investment boards, local governments, or private
37 foundation funds.

38 (c) Eligible uses of grant funds include, but are not limited to,
39 vocational training, stipends for trainees, and apprenticeship
40 opportunities for the supervised population.

1 1234.4. (a) Upon completion of the grant period, grant
2 recipients shall report to the State WIB regarding their use of the
3 funds and workforce training program outcomes.

4 (b) By January 1, 2017, the State WIB shall submit a report to
5 the Legislature using the reports from the grant recipients. The
6 report shall contain all the following information:

7 (1) The overall success of the grant program.

8 (2) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the grant program.

9 (3) A recommendation on the long-term viability of local
10 workforce investment board and county collaborations on
11 workforce training programs for the supervised population.

12 (4) A recommendation on the long-term viability of county
13 workforce training programs for the supervised population.

14 (5) *In considering the overall success and effectiveness of the*
15 *grant program, the report shall include a discussion of all of the*
16 *following:*

17 (A) *Whether the programs aligned with the workforce needs of*
18 *high-demand sectors of the state and regional economies.*

19 (B) *Whether there was an active job market for the skills being*
20 *developed where the member of the supervised population was*
21 *likely to be released.*

22 (C) *Whether the program increased the number of members of*
23 *the supervised population that obtained a marketable and industry*
24 *or apprenticeship board-recognized certification, credential, or*
25 *degree.*

26 (D) *Whether there were formal or informal networks in the field*
27 *that support finding employment upon release from custody.*

28 (E) *Whether the program led to employment in occupations*
29 *with a livable wage.*

30 (c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under
31 subdivision (b) is inoperative on January 1, 2021, pursuant to
32 Section 12031.5 of the Government Code.

33 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (b) shall
34 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
35 Code.