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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2328

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez

February 21, 2014

An act to add Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 8400) to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to California AmeriCorps.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2328, as amended, John A. Pérez. California AmeriCorps.

Under existing law, by executive order, CaliforniaVolunteers is established in the Governor's Office and is charged with overseeing programs and initiatives for service and volunteerism.

This bill would establish California AmeriCorps in the state government, to be administered by CaliforniaVolunteers and operate under the existing federal AmeriCorps program guidelines. This bill would require that California AmeriCorps members be determined through an application process for eligible college graduates with student loan debt, as specified. This bill would allow a city, county, or special district to apply individually, in partnership with a nonprofit entity, or with a city, county, or special district, to CaliforniaVolunteers, through a competitive request for proposal process, to host one or more California AmeriCorps members. This bill would provide that California AmeriCorps' purpose is to assist local governments in implementing priorities detailed in the request for proposal. *The bill would prohibit the use of General Fund moneys in support of the 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 5.6 (commencing with Section 8400) is
2 added to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

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CHAPTER 5.6. CALIFORNIA AMERICORPS

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6 8400. (a) California AmeriCorps is hereby established to be
7 administered by CaliforniaVolunteers, as established by Executive
8 Order S-24-06. California AmeriCorps shall operate under the
9 existing federal AmeriCorps program guidelines.

10 (b) California AmeriCorps members shall be determined through
11 an application process. Eligibility will be based on the existing
12 qualifications required for AmeriCorps members and all of the
13 following:

14 (1) The applicant shall have an associate or a baccalaureate
15 degree.

16 (2) The applicant shall provide proof of incurred student loan
17 debt.

18 (3) The applicant shall be 21 years of age or older.

19 (4) The applicant shall provide proof of two or more years of
20 continuous California residency.

21 (c) A city, county, or special district may apply individually, in
22 partnership with a nonprofit entity, or with a city, county, or special
23 district to CaliforniaVolunteers, through a competitive request for
24 proposal process, to host one or more California AmeriCorps
25 members. The purpose of California AmeriCorps is to assist local
26 governments in implementing priorities detailed in the request for
27 proposal.

28 (d) CaliforniaVolunteers is authorized to solicit and accept
29 private funding to help supplement the costs of California
30 AmeriCorps. These private funding sources may include, but are
31 not limited to, foundations, corporate funding, crowd funding,
32 donation drives, or any other sources of private investment that

- 1 may be available. *Moneys from the General Fund shall not be used*
- 2 *to fund the California AmeriCorps program.*

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