

Assembly Bill No. 2328

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Secretary of the Senate

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Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

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

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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.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 8400) is added to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

CHAPTER 5.6. CALIFORNIA AMERICORPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) California Volunteers is authorized to solicit and accept private funding to help supplement the costs of California AmeriCorps. These private funding sources may include, but are not limited to, foundations, corporate funding, crowd funding, donation drives, or any other sources of private investment that may be available. Moneys from the General Fund shall not be used to fund the California AmeriCorps program.

Approved _____, 2014

Governor