

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 25, 2000

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 2121**

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**Introduced by Senator Johnson**

February 25, 2000

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An act to add and repeal Section 12811.3 of the Government Code, relating to crime and delinquency prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2121, as amended, Johnson. Crime and delinquency prevention.

Existing law specifies the powers and duties of the Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency.

This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency to contract with the University of California to conduct a pilot project in 3 counties to study the efficacy of treating *minor* children between the ages of 8 to 14 years who have attention deficit disorder or another behavior disorder, or who have demonstrated antisocial, aggressive, or violent behavior, with noninvasive nutritional therapies including mineral, enzyme, and vitamin supplements, in order to determine whether aberrant or violent conduct is diminished by the correction of nutritional deficiencies or chemical imbalances. *The bill would require the university to obtain informed consent from the minor child and the minor child's parents or guardian, and would prohibit the public disclosure of the names of the minor children participating in the study or their parents or guardians. The bill would require the university to keep the parents or guardian of a minor child involved in the study informed of the progress of the study, as*

*specified, and would require the university to conduct the study in accordance with established scientific and bioethical protocols in regard to research involving human subjects, as specified.* The bill would *also* require the secretary to submit a written report on the findings of the study to the Legislature on an annual basis, and would provide for repeal of these provisions as of January 1, 2006.

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. Section 12811.3 is added to the  
2 Government Code, to read:

3 12811.3. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of  
4 law, the Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional  
5 Agency, may contract with the University of California to  
6 conduct a pilot program in three counties to study the  
7 efficacy of treating *minor* children between the ages of 8  
8 to 14 years, who have attention deficit disorder or another  
9 behavior disorder, or who have demonstrated antisocial,  
10 aggressive, or violent behavior, with an individually  
11 prescribed regimen of noninvasive nutritional therapies  
12 that may include mineral, enzyme, and vitamin  
13 supplements. The study shall be designed to be directly  
14 remedial for the *minor* children involved, and shall  
15 endeavor to identify whether aberrant or violent conduct  
16 is diminished by the correction of nutritional deficiencies  
17 or chemical imbalances. The Secretary of the Youth and  
18 Adult Correctional Agency shall submit a written report  
19 on the findings of the study to the Legislature on an  
20 annual basis.

21 (b) *The University of California shall obtain informed*  
22 *consent from the minor child and the minor child's*  
23 *parents or legal guardian prior to the minor child*  
24 *participating in the study.*

25 (c) *The names of the minor children participating in*  
26 *the study and the names of the minor child's parents or*  
27 *guardian shall be confidential and shall not be publicly*  
28 *discussed.*



1 (d) *The University of California shall keep the parents*  
2 *or guardian of the minor child involved in the study*  
3 *informed of the progress of the study on a periodic basis,*  
4 *as the university deems reasonable, throughout the*  
5 *duration of the study.*

6 (e) *The University of California shall conduct the*  
7 *study in accordance with established scientific and*  
8 *bioethical protocols considered standard in the medical*  
9 *research community in regard to research involving*  
10 *human subjects.*

11 (f) This section shall remain in effect only until  
12 January 1, 2006, and as of that date is repealed, unless a  
13 later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,  
14 2006, deletes or extends that date.

