

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 06/26/2012
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: AB 1956
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BILL SUMMARY: Juvenile offenders: tattoo removal.

This bill would allow victims of trafficking and prostitution to be served by existing tattoo removal programs administered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR), Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA). This bill also expresses the Legislature's intent to encourage the use of federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding for this purpose.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill allows victims of trafficking and prostitution to be eligible for existing tattoo removal services, but does not require the expansion of existing tattoo removal programs. However, victims of trafficking and prostitution are not currently eligible for tattoo removal programs funded under the 2011 JAG award, which was used to establish Cal EMA's California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program. Therefore, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), the entity responsible for administering the JAG awards beginning in 2012, would need to petition the United States Department of Justice to get their approval to allow JAG funds to be used to remove tattoos from victims of trafficking and prostitution.

The BSCC indicates that this bill would result in additional costs of \$25,000 annually for workload to administer the JAG funding used to support the existing tattoo removal programs operated by DJJ and Cal EMA. However, the Department of Finance notes that the workload associated with this bill is likely to be minor and absorbable within existing federal grant funds. Finance also notes that any additional costs associated with this bill would be considered as part of the annual budget development process.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill to allow victims of trafficking and prostitution, who otherwise would not be eligible, to qualify for existing tattoo removal programs.

In accordance with Chapter 907, Statutes of 1997 (SB 526) and Chapter 842, Statutes of 1998 (SB 1700) the Department of the Youth Authority (now DJJ) purchased a total of six laser tattoo removal machines to serve at-risk youth, ex-offenders, and current or former gang members, as specified. Through a competitive bid process, the six laser tattoo removal machines were awarded to: (1) the Hollywood/Sunset Free Clinic, (2) Paul W. Wallace, M.D. Inc., (3) Orange County Probation Department, (4) Family Health Centers of San Diego, (5) Alameda County Public Health Department, and (6) the Dominican Hospital of Santa Cruz. The grant recipients established partnerships that involved a collaboration of law enforcement, delinquency prevention agencies, local educators, and licensed health care professionals to aid in identification and referral of potential clients. SB 526 and SB 1700 appropriated a total of \$720,000 General Fund over a two-year period for these purposes.

The California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program, established in Chapter 661, Statues of 2011 (AB 1122) as a competitive grant program, serves individuals between 14 and 24 years old who are in the

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custody of CDCR, supervised by county probation departments, or enrolled in a community-based program. This program is to be administered by Cal EMA upon the appropriation of federal funds. Chapter 36, Statutes of 2011 (SB 92) eliminated the California Council on Criminal Justice (CCCJ) and moved programs and staff supported by JAG funding from Cal EMA to the BSCC effective July 1, 2012. Prior to being eliminated, the CCCJ acted as the oversight board for the allocation of JAG funds.

This bill would add victims of trafficking and prostitution to the eligibility criteria used for these existing tattoo removal programs.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO LA CO RV	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)						Fund Code
		PROP 98	FC	2012-2013 FC		2013-2014 FC	2014-2015	
5225/Corr & Rehab	SO	No		----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----			0001	
0690/Cal EMA	SO	No		----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----			0890	
5227/BdStCommCorr	SO	No	A	12 A	25 A		25 0890	
<u>Fund Code</u>		<u>Title</u>						
0001		General Fund						
0890		Trust Fund, Federal						