

**Senate Bill No. 44**

**CHAPTER 18**

An act to add and repeal Title 11.7 (commencing with Section 14180) of Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to crime prevention.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 44, Denham. Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program.

Existing law authorizes specified counties to develop Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Programs, as specified, to address the problems of agricultural and rural crime. Participation in these programs requires that counties create Central Valley Rural Crime Task Forces, and in order to receive funds, to agree to participate in a regional task force. Existing law places specified requirements on the task forces with respect to reporting rural crimes, collecting data, and staffing.

This bill would allow the Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and San Benito, until July 1, 2010, to develop Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Programs modeled on Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Programs, to be administered by the county sheriff's office in Monterey County and by the district attorney's office in each of the other 4 counties. It would require participating counties to meet certain data collection requirements. The bill would provide that funding sources for the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Programs may include local government appropriations and private contributions.

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

SECTION 1. Title 11.7 (commencing with Section 14180) is added to Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

**TITLE 11.7. CENTRAL COAST RURAL CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM**

14180. The Legislature encourages the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and San Luis Obispo to develop, adopt, and implement a Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program based upon the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program established by Title 11.5 (commencing with Section 14170) of Part 4.



14181. (a) The Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and San Benito may each develop within its respective jurisdiction a Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program, which shall be administered in San Benito County, Santa Barbara County, Santa Cruz County, and San Luis Obispo County by the county district attorney's office under a joint powers agreement with the county sheriff's office, and in Monterey County by the county sheriff's office under a joint powers agreement with the county district attorney's office. Each joint powers agreement shall be entered into pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

(b) The parties to each agreement shall form a regional task force that shall be known as the Central Coast Rural Crime Task Force, that includes the respective county office of the county agricultural commissioner, the county district attorney, the county sheriff, and interested property owner groups or associations. The task force shall be an interactive team working together to develop crime prevention, problem solving, and crime control techniques, to encourage timely reporting of crimes, and to evaluate the results of these activities. The task force shall operate from a joint facility in order to facilitate investigative coordination. The task force shall also consult with experts from the United States military, other law enforcement entities, and various private organizations as deemed necessary to maximize the effectiveness of this program. Media and community support shall be solicited to promote this program. Each of the designated counties shall adopt rules and regulations for the implementation and administration of this program.

(1) The Central Coast Rural Crime Task Force shall develop rural crime prevention programs containing a system for reporting rural crimes that enables the swift recovery of stolen goods and the apprehension of criminal suspects for prosecution. The task force shall develop computer software and use communication technology to implement the reporting system, although the task force is not limited to the use of these means to achieve the stated goals.

(2) The Central Coast Rural Crime Task Force shall develop a uniform procedure for all participating counties to collect, and each participating county shall collect, data on agricultural crimes. The task force shall also establish a central database for the collection and maintenance of data on agricultural crimes and designate one participating county to maintain the database.

(c) The staff for each program shall consist of the personnel designated by the district attorney and sheriff for each county in accordance with the joint powers agreement.



14182. Sources of funding for the program may include, but shall not be limited to, appropriations from local government and private contributions.

14183. This title shall become inoperative on July 1, 2010, and is repealed as of January 1, 2011, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends those dates.

