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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title

Report to the Legislature: Compliance With
Welfare and Institutions Code Section 304.7

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Executive Summary

The attached report, submitted to the Legislature annually as required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7(c), concerns compliance by judges, commissioners, and referees with the education requirements of the statute. The information provided in this report was gathered by staff of the Judicial Council's Center for Judicial Education and Research from a response form completed by the courts in December 2018.

Relevant Previous Council Action

To satisfy the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7(a) and (b), effective January 1, 1997, the Judicial Council has developed education and training for judges, commissioners, and referees on juvenile dependency. With respect to subdivision (c), submitting an annual report to the Legislature, the report has been sent directly to the Legislature from Judicial Council staff.

Analysis/Rationale

Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7 requires the following:

(a) The Judicial Council shall develop and implement standards for the education and training of all judges who conduct hearings pursuant to Section 300. The training shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) A component relating to Section 300 proceedings for newly appointed or elected judges and an annual training session in Section 300 proceedings.
- (2) Cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth.
- (3) The information described in subdivision (d) of Section 16501.4.
- (4) The information described in subdivision (i) of Section 16521.5.

(b) A commissioner or referee who is assigned to conduct hearings held pursuant to Section 300 shall meet the minimum standards for education and training established pursuant to subdivision (a), by July 31, 1998.

(c) The Judicial Council shall submit an annual report to the Legislature on compliance by judges, commissioners, and referees with the education and training standards described in subdivisions (a) and (b).

The information provided in the attached report was gathered by staff of the Judicial Council's Center for Judicial Education and Research from a response form completed by the courts in December 2018.

This report fulfills the requirements of the statute.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

None.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *2018 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey*, at page 3

2018 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey

	<i>Judges</i>		<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Referees</i>	
County	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training
Alameda	5	3	0	0	3	2
Alpine	2	1	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	2	0	0	0	0
Butte	5	5	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	1	1	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	1	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	3	4	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	2	2	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	4	3	1	1	0	0
Fresno	1	1	2	2	0	0
Glenn	2	2	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	4	4	0	0	0	0
Imperial	4	1	0	0	0	0
Inyo	3	3	0	0	0	0
Kern	3	3	1	1	0	0
Kings	7	7	0	0	0	0
Lake	2	2	0	0	0	0
Lassen	1	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	23	23	7	7	5	5
Madera	2	2	0	0	0	0
Marin	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	2	0	0	0	0
Merced	2	2	0	0	0	0
Modoc	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mono	2	2	0	0	0	0
Monterey	1	1	0	0	0	0
Napa	4	4	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2	2	0	0	0	0
Orange	9	9	0	0	0	0
Placer	2	2	0	0	0	0
Plumas	2	2	0	0	0	0
Riverside	8	8	2	2	0	0
Sacramento	4	4	1	1	1	1
San Benito	2	2	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	4	4	0	0	0	0
San Diego	12	7	1	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	4	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	3	3	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	1	1	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	10	10	0	0	0	0

	<i>Judges</i>		<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Referees</i>	
County	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training
Santa Barbara	6	6	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	3	3	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	2	2	0	0	0	0
Shasta	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sierra	2	2	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	3	3	0	0	0	0
Solano	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	1	1	1	1	0	0
Stanislaus	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sutter	5	5	0	0	0	0
Tehama	2	2	0	0	0	0
Trinity	2	1	0	0	0	0
Tulare	3	3	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	3	3	0	0	0	0
Ventura	4	4	0	0	0	0
Yolo	1	1	0	0	0	0
Yuba	2	1	0	0	0	0
Total	203	189	16	15	9	8