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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title

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

Report Type

Information

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Executive Summary

In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7(c), the Judicial Council submits the required compliance report to the Legislature, *Juvenile Dependency Training Completion Report*. The attached report demonstrates compliance by judges, commissioners, and referees with the juvenile judicial officer training and education requirements of the statute. The information provided in this report was gathered from the courts by staff of the Judicial Council's Center for Judicial Education and Resources.

Relevant Previous Reporting or 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. The report has been sent directly to the Legislature from Judicial Council staff, as required by section 304.7(c).

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).

This report fulfills the requirements of the statute. (See Attachment A.)

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

None.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *2024 Juvenile Dependency Training Completion Report*



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Re: *2024 Juvenile Dependency Training Completion Report*, as required
under Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

The Judicial Council is submitting the *2024 Juvenile Dependency
Training Completion Report*, regarding the education and reporting
requirements for judicial officers who hear juvenile dependency matters.

2024 Juvenile Dependency Training Completion Report						
	<i>Judges</i>		<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Referees</i>	
County	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training
Alameda	3	3	0	0	0	0
Alpine	2	2	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	2	1	1	0	0
Butte	6	6	1	1	0	0
Calaveras	1	1	1	1	0	0
Colusa	2	2	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	3	3	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	2	2	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	3	3	0	0	0	0
Fresno	9	9	0	0	0	0
Glenn	1	1	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	4	4	0	0	0	0
Imperial	7	5	0	0	1	1
Inyo	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kern	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kings	7	7	0	0	0	0
Lake	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lassen	4	4	1	1	0	0
Los Angeles	27	27	12	12	6	6
Madera	4	4	0	0	0	0
Marin	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	3	0	0	0	0
Merced	2	2	0	0	0	0
Modoc	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	1	0	0	0	0
Monterey	8	2	0	0	0	0
Napa	3	3	1	1	0	0
Nevada	2	1	0	0	0	0
Orange	9	9	0	0	0	0
Placer	2	2	2	2	0	0

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County	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training
Plumas	2	2	0	0	0	0
Riverside	12	12	1	1	0	0
Sacramento	6	6	1	1	1	1
San Benito	1	1	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	4	4	0	0	0	0
San Diego	7	6	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	5	5	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	5	3	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	1	1	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	4	4	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	3	2	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	2	2	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	3	2	0	0	0	0
Shasta	2	1	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	3	3	2	2	0	0
Stanislaus	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sutter	4	4	0	0	0	0
Tehama	4	4	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tulare	4	4	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	4	1	0	0	0	0
Ventura	1	1	0	0	0	0
Yolo	2	2	0	0	0	0
Yuba	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	216	198	23	23	8	8

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Karene I. Alvarado, Director,
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The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code § 304.7, which states The Judicial Council shall report annually to the Legislature on the education and trainings for judicial officers who conduct hearings under Welfare and Institutions Code section 300.

The full report can be accessed at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

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