



## JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

455 Golden Gate Avenue · San Francisco, California 94102-3688

[www.courts.ca.gov](http://www.courts.ca.gov)

---

# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

*Item No.: 21-067*

For business meeting on March 12, 2021

---

**Title**

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

**Agenda Item Type**

Information Only

**Submitted by**

Judicial Council staff  
Karene Alvarado, Director  
Center for Judicial Education and Research

**Date of Report**

February 10, 2021

**Contact**

Nanette Zavala, Attorney  
415-865-4379  
[nanette.zavala@jud.ca.gov](mailto:nanette.zavala@jud.ca.gov)

---

### Executive Summary

The attached report, submitted to the Legislature annually as required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7(c), demonstrates compliance by judges, commissioners, and referees with Juvenile Judicial Officer Training 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 Research.

### 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).

This report fulfills the requirements of the statute.

### **Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications**

None.

### **Attachments and Links**

1. Attachment A: *2020 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey*

**2020 Report to the Legislature**  
**Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7**

County	<i>Judges</i>		<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Referees</i>	
	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training
Alameda	5	5	0	0	0	0
Alpine	2	2	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	2	1	1	0	0
Butte	5	5	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	1	1	0	0	0	0
Colusa	2	2	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	4	4	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	2	2	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	3	0	1	0	0	0
Fresno	6	1	2	1	0	0
Glenn	2	2	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	3	0	0	0	0
Imperial	2	2	0	0	0	0
Inyo	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kern	3	3	0	0	0	0
Kings	4	4	0	0	0	0
Lake	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lassen	2	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	17	17	6	6	6	6
Madera	3	3	0	0	0	0
Marin	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	2	0	0	0	0
Merced	3	3	0	0	0	0
Modoc	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	1	0	0	0	0
Monterey	1	1	0	0	0	0
Napa	6	6	1	1	0	0
Nevada	3	2	1	1	0	0
Orange	6	6	0	0	0	0
Placer	5	4	1	1	0	0
Plumas	1	1	0	0	0	0
Riverside	8	8	2	2	0	0
Sacramento	8	8	0	0	1	1
San Benito	2	2	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	4	4	0	0	0	0
San Diego	10	3	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	2	2	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	4	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	1	1	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	3	0	0	0	0

**2020 Report to the Legislature**  
**Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7**

County	<i>Judges</i>		<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Referees</i>	
	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training
Santa Barbara	3	3	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	4	4	0	0	0	0
Solano	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	2	2	1	1	0	0
Stanislaus	6	6	0	0	0	0
Sutter	2	2	0	0	0	0
Tehama	4	4	0	0	0	0
Trinity	2	2	0	0	0	0
Tulare	5	5	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ventura	4	4	0	0	0	0
Yolo	6	5	0	0	0	0
Yuba	2	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>