



# Judicial Council of California

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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

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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. 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 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. 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.

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

None.

### **Attachments and Links**

1. Attachment A: *2022 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey*

| 2022 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  | 4             | 4                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Alpine   | 2             | 2                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Amador   | 2             | 2                 | 1                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Butte  | 8             | 8                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Calaveras                                      | 2             | 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                                      | 2             | 1                 | 2                    | 2                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Fresno   | 12            | 3                 | 2                    | 1                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Glenn  | 2             | 2                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Humboldt                                       | 5             | 5                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Imperial                                       | 1             | 1                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Inyo   | 2             | 2                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Kern   | 2             | 2                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Kings  | 7             | 7                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Lake   | 2             | 2                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Lassen   | 2             | 2                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Los Angeles                                    | 25            | 25                | 11                   | 11                | 6               | 6                 |
| Madera   | 4             | 4                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Marin  | 2             | 2                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Mariposa                                       | 1             | 1                 | 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                                       | 9             | 3                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Napa   | 3             | 3                 | 1                    | 1                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Nevada   | 3             | 3                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Orange   | 7             | 7                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Placer   | 3             | 3                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Plumas   | 1             | 1                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Riverside                                      | 10            | 10                | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Sacramento                                     | 4             | 4                 | 0                    | 0                 | 1               | 1                 |
| San Benito                                     | 0             | 0                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| San Bernardino                                 | 4             | 4                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| San Diego                                      | 9             | 5                 | 1                    | 1                 | 0               | 0                 |
| San Francisco                                  | 4             | 4                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| San Joaquin                                    | 4             | 1                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| San Luis Obispo                                | 1             | 1                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| San Mateo                                      | 3             | 3                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |
| Santa Barbara                                  | 6             | 3                 | 0                    | 0                 | 0               | 0                 |

|               | <i><b>Judges</b></i> |                          | <i><b>Commissioners</b></i> |                          | <i><b>Referees</b></i> |                          |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>County</b> | <b>Assigned</b>      | <b>Attended Training</b> | <b>Assigned</b>             | <b>Attended Training</b> | <b>Assigned</b>        | <b>Attended Training</b> |
| Santa Clara   | 0                    | 0                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Santa Cruz    | 2                    | 2                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Shasta        | 1                    | 1                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Sierra        | 2                    | 2                        | 1                           | 1                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Siskiyou      | 4                    | 4                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Solano        | 2                    | 2                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Sonoma        | 2                    | 2                        | 1                           | 1                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Stanislaus    | 5                    | 4                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Sutter        | 5                    | 5                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Tehama        | 4                    | 4                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Trinity       | 2                    | 2                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Tulare        | 2                    | 2                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Tuolumne      | 3                    | 3                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Ventura       | 3                    | 3                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Yolo          | 6                    | 3                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Yuba          | 2                    | 1                        | 0                           | 0                        | 0                      | 0                        |
| Total         | 218                  | 186                      | 21                          | 18                       | 7                      | 7                        |