



## JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on March 24, 2017

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**Title**

Judicial Branch Education: Report to the  
Legislature on Compliance With Welfare and  
Institutions Code Section 304.7

**Agenda Item Type**

Action Required

**Effective Date**

March 24, 2017

**Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected**

None

**Date of Report**

March 6, 2017

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### Executive Summary

The Judicial Council's Center for Judicial Education and Research recommends that the council review and approve the attached report, to be submitted to the Legislature, on compliance by judges, commissioners, and referees with the education requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7. Section 304.7(c) requires the council to submit the report annually.

### Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommends that the Judicial Council, effective March 24, 2017:

1. Review and approve the attached *2016 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey*, and
2. Direct Judicial Council staff to submit the survey to the Legislature under Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7(c).

The *2016 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey* is attached at page 3.

## **Previous Council Action**

The Judicial Council has developed education and training that satisfies the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7(a) and (b) for judges, commissioners, and referees on juvenile dependency. With respect to subdivision (c), submitting an annual report to the Legislature, it had been the policy that the report be sent directly to the Legislature from the Judicial Council staff. This policy has changed, and this report is now annually submitted to the Judicial Council for review and approval before its submission to the Legislature.

## **Rationale for Recommendation**

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.

(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).

(Welf. & Inst. Code, § 304.7.)

The reason for this report is to fulfill the requirements of the statute.

## **Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications**

This is a mandated report to the Legislature. Therefore, no alternatives were considered.

## **Implementation Requirements, Costs, and Operational Impacts**

Only minimal costs are associated with submitting the mandated report to the Legislature.

## **Attachments and Links**

1. *2016 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey*, at page 3

## 2016 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey

	<i>Judges</i>		<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Referees</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>
Alameda	*	*	*	*	*	*
Alpine	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amador	*	*	*	*	*	*
Butte	6	6	1	1	0	0
Calaveras	1	1	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	1	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	4	4	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	2	2	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	6	2	1	1	0	0
Fresno	10	2	1	1	0	0
Glenn	2	2	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	2	2	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	6	2	0	0	0	0
Lake	3	3	0	0	0	0
Lassen	1	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	17	17	11	11	0	0
Madera	2	2	0	0	0	0
Marin	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	*	*	*	*	*	*
Modoc	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mono	2	2	0	0	0	0
Monterey	1	1	0	0	0	0
Napa	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nevada	2	2	0	0	0	0
Orange	8	7	1	0	0	0
Placer	2	2	0	0	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	9	9	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	3	3	0	0	3	3
San Benito	2	2	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	4	4	0	0	0	0
San Diego	6	5	2	2	0	0
San Francisco	6	5	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	3	3	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Mateo	3	3	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	*	*	*	*	*	*

	<i><b>Judges</b></i>		<i><b>Commissioners</b></i>		<i><b>Referees</b></i>	
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Santa Clara	*	*	*	*	*	*
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	1	1	0	0
Solano	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	5	1	1	1	0	0
Stanislaus	2	1	0	0	0	0
Sutter	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tehama	4	2	0	0	0	0
Trinity	2	2	0	0	0	0
Tulare	3	3	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ventura	2	2	0	0	0	0
Yolo	2	2	0	0	0	0
Yuba	2	2	0	0	0	0
Total	165	136	19	18	3	3
* No response received						