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August 19, 2025

The Honorable Caroline Menjivar
California State Senate
1021 O St., Ste. 6630
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Dear Senator Menjivar:

On behalf of the Coalition of Los Angeles Probation Unions, which includes the Deputy Probation Officers Union (AFSCME Local 685), the Supervising Deputy Probation Officers Union (SEIU Local 721, Bargaining Unit 702), and the Probation Managers Association (AFSCME Local 1967), we respectfully submit the attached redline amendments to Senate Bill 357 for your review and consideration.

Our members are dedicated, trained professionals who serve on the front lines of both the juvenile and adult justice systems within a fully integrated Probation Department. We are committed to reforms that strengthen accountability, protect the privacy and rights of victims, and improve outcomes for justice-involved youth and adults alike. Our goal is to ensure safety, due process, and effective rehabilitation for all — including youth, community members, victims, and our workforce.

The attached amendments strike from the bill language that would:

- Permit the destruction of the juvenile division of the LA County Probation Department;
- Shift core responsibilities to non-sworn County employees, temporary workers, and unvetted private contractors;
- Undermine privacy and safety by granting access to sensitive records, including confidential victim files, to individuals who have not passed the rigorous background checks required of sworn peace officers; and
- Threaten the jobs, rights, and union protections of thousands of public servants, effectively opening the door to widespread outsourcing and union busting.

Instead, we propose a constructive path forward that leverages the Department of Youth Development (DYD) to facilitate access for community-based organizations with qualified, trained, and fully vetted personnel to deliver evidence-based, care-first services within Probation facilities. DYD could also support recruitment efforts by helping identify and inspire the next generation of sworn Probation Officers.

We further recommend that any reform package include comprehensive safety protocols and mandated training for all personnel and partners entering Probation facilities. To support this, we continue to urge the creation of a dedicated Probation Training and Wellness Center—one that not only delivers professional instruction but also provides resources to address job-related stress, burnout, fatigue, and the overall emotional well-being of staff serving in high-risk environments.

We strongly believe that reforms must be inclusive and collaborative – not imposed through legislation that excludes the very people doing the work. Our unions stand ready to work with you and your colleagues to develop solutions that strengthen, rather than destabilize, the system.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you as a coalition either in your capitol or district office to walk through these proposals and begin building a framework that honors our shared goals of youth rehabilitation, community safety, and workforce stability, while firmly protecting the jobs, rights, and roles of the members we represent across our bargaining units.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

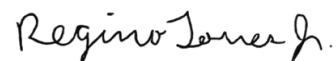
Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Redline Amendments to SB 357

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SENATE BILL

No. 357

Introduced by Senator Menjivar
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bryan)

February 12, 2025

An act to amend Section 27771 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 827 of, and to add Section 272.5 to, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

legislative counsel's digest

SB 357, as amended, Menjivar. Juveniles: delinquency.

Existing law subjects a minor between 12 and 17 years of age, who violates any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, and a minor under 12 years of age who is alleged to have committed specified serious offenses, to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, which may adjudge the minor to be a ward of the court. Existing law also establishes the transition jurisdiction of the juvenile court and subjects certain minors who are older than 17 years and 5 months of age and younger than 18 years of age, and certain nonminors who are older than 18 years of age and less than 21 years of age, who were wards of the juvenile court and in foster care placement to that jurisdiction. Existing law assigns various responsibilities relating to these individuals to the probation officer, including, among others, the responsibility to supervise minors placed on probation.

Existing law requires every county to appoint a chief probation officer and requires the chief probation officer to perform the duties and

discharge the obligations imposed on the office (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J), (K), (L), (M), (N), (O), (P), (Q), (R), (S), (T), (U), (V), (W), (X), (Y), (Z), (AA), (AB), (AC), (AD), (AE), (AF), (AG), (AH), (AI), (AJ), (AK), (AL), (AM), (AN), (AO), (AP), (AQ), (AR), (AS), (AT), (AU), (AV), (AW), (AX), (AY), (AZ), (BA), (BB), (BC), (BD), (BE), (BF), (BG), (BH), (BI), (BJ), (BK), (BL), (BM), (BN), (BO), (BP), (BQ), (BR), (BS), (BT), (BU), (BV), (BW), (BX), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CB), (CC), (CD), (CE), (CF), (CG), (CH), (CI), (CJ), (CK), (CL), (CM), (CN), (CO), (CP), (CQ), (CR), (CS), (CT), (CU), (CV), (CW), (CX), (CY), (CZ), (DA), (DB), (DC), (DD), (DE), (DF), (DG), (DH), (DI), (DJ), (DK), (DL), (DM), (DN), (DO), (DP), (DQ), (DR), (DS), (DT), (DU), (DV), (DW), (DX), (DY), (DZ), (EA), (EB), (EC), (ED), (EE), (EF), (EG), (EH), (EI), (EJ), (EK), (EL), (EM), (EN), (EO), (EP), (EQ), (ER), (ES), (ET), (EU), (EV), (EW), (EX), (EY), (EZ), (FA), (FB), (FC), (FD), (FE), (FF), (FG), (FH), (FI), (FJ), (FK), (FL), (FM), (FN), (FO), (FP), (FQ), (FR), (FS), (FT), (FU), (FV), (FW), (FX), (FY), (FZ), (GA), (GB), (GC), (GD), (GE), (GF), (GG), (GH), (GI), (GJ), (GK), (GL), (GM), (GN), (GO), (GP), (GQ), (GR), (GS), (GT), (GU), (GV), (GW), (GX), (GY), (GZ), (HA), (HB), (HC), (HD), (HE), (HF), (HG), (HH), (HI), (HJ), (HK), (HL), (HM), (HN), (HO), (HP), (HQ), (HR), (HS), (HT), (HU), (HV), (HW), (HX), (HY), (HZ), (IA), (IB), (IC), (ID), (IE), (IF), (IG), (IH), (II), (IJ), (IK), (IL), (IM), (IN), (IO), (IP), (IQ), (IR), (IS), (IT), (IU), (IV), (IW), (IX), (IY), (IZ), (JA), (JB), (JC), (JD), (JE), (JF), (JG), (JH), (JI), (JJ), (JK), (JL), (JM), (JN), (JO), (JP), (JQ), (JR), (JS), (JT), (JU), (JV), (JW), (JX), (JY), (JZ), (KA), (KB), (KC), (KD), (KE), (KF), (KG), (KH), (KI), (KJ), (KK), (KL), (KM), (KN), (KO), (KP), (KQ), (KR), (KS), (KT), (KU), (KV), (KW), (KX), (KY), (KZ), (LA), (LB), (LC), (LD), (LE), (LF), (LG), (LH), (LI), (LJ), (LK), (LL), (LM), (LN), (LO), (LP), (LQ), (LR), (LS), (LT), (LU), (LV), (LW), (LX), (LY), (LZ), (MA), (MB), (MC), (MD), (ME), (MF), (MG), (MH), (MI), (MJ), (MK), (ML), (MM), (MN), (MO), (MP), (MQ), (MR), (MS), (MT), (MU), (MV), (MW), (MX), (MY), (MZ), (NA), (NB), (NC), (ND), (NE), (NF), (NG), (NH), (NI), (NJ), (NK), (NL), (NM), (NN), (NO), (NP), (NQ), (NR), (NS), (NT), (NU), (NV), (NW), (NX), (NY), (NZ), (OA), (OB), (OC), (OD), (OE), (OF), (OG), (OH), (OI), (OJ), (OK), (OL), (OM), (ON), (OO), (OP), (OQ), (OR), (OS), (OT), (OU), (OV), (OW), (OX), (OY), (OZ), (PA), (PB), (PC), (PD), (PE), (PF), (PG), (PH), (PI), (PJ), (PK), (PL), (PM), (PN), (PO), (PP), (PQ), (PR), (PS), (PT), (PU), (PV), (PW), (PX), (PY), (PZ), (QA), (QB), (QC), (QD), (QE), (QF), (QG), (QH), (QI), (QJ), (QK), (QL), (QM), (QN), (QO), (QP), (QQ), (QR), (QS), (QT), (QU), (QV), (QW), (QX), (QY), (QZ), (RA), (RB), (RC), (RD), (RE), (RF), (RG), (RH), (RI), (RJ), (RK), (RL), (RM), (RN), (RO), (RP), (RQ), (RR), (RS), (RT), (RU), (RV), (RW), (RX), (RY), (RZ), (SA), (SB), (SC), (SD), (SE), (SF), (SG), (SH), (SI), (SJ), (SK), (SL), (SM), (SN), (SO), (SP), (SQ), (SR), (SS), (ST), (SU), (SV), (SW), (SX), (SY), (SZ), (TA), (TB), (TC), (TD), (TE), (TF), (TG), (TH), (TI), (TJ), (TK), (TL), (TM), (TN), (TO), (TP), (TQ), (TR), (TS), (TT), (TU), (TV), (TW), (TX), (TY), (TZ), (UA), (UB), (UC), (UD), (UE), (UF), (UG), (UH), (UI), (UJ), (UK), (UL), (UM), (UN), (UO), (UP), (UQ), (UR), (US), (UT), (UU), (UV), (UW), (UX), (UY), (UZ), (VA), (VB), (VC), (VD), (VE), (VF), (VG), (VH), (VI), (VJ), (VK), (VL), (VM), (VN), (VO), (VP), (VQ), (VR), (VS), (VT), (VU), (VV), (VW), (VX), (VY), (VZ), (WA), (WB), (WC), (WD), (WE), (WF), (WG), (WH), (WI), (WJ), (WK), (WL), (WM), (WN), (WO), (WP), (WQ), (WR), (WS), (WT), (WU), (WV), (WW), (WX), (WY), (WZ), (XA), (XB), (XC), (XD), (XE), (XF), (XG), (XH), (XI), (XJ), (XK), (XL), (XM), (XN), (XO), (XP), (XQ), (XR), (XS), (XT), (XU), (XV), (XW), (XZ), (YA), (YB), (YC), (YD), (YE), (YF), (YG), (YH), (YI), (YJ), (YK), (YL), (YM), (YN), (YO), (YP), (YQ), (YR), (YS), (YT), (YU), (YV), (YW), (YZ), (ZA), (ZB), (ZC), (ZD), (ZE), (ZF), (ZG), (ZH), (ZI), (ZJ), (ZK), (ZL), (ZM), (ZN), (ZO), (ZP), (ZQ), (ZR), (ZS), (ZT), (ZU), (ZV), (ZW), (ZX), (ZY), (ZZ).

This bill would authorize the board of supervisors in a county with a population of at least 6,000,000 people to, except as specified, delegate to a county official who has jurisdiction over youth development, diversion, and reentry all or part of the duties and authorities concerning these individuals, including community supervision and the operation of juvenile halls, camps, and ranches. *individuals, as specified. The bill would require the county board of supervisors to delegate all or part of these duties and authorities to a county official that is part of a collective bargaining unit.*

Existing law generally limits access to juvenile case files, as defined. Existing law authorizes only certain individuals to inspect a juvenile case file, including, among others, the county counsel, city attorney, or any other attorney representing the petitioning agency in a dependency action.

This bill would additionally authorize county officials who have been delegated duties, authorities, or both, as described above, to inspect a juvenile case file.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 27771 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 27771. (a) ~~The~~ chief
- 4 probation officer shall perform the duties and discharge the
- 5 obligations imposed on the office by law or by order of the superior
- 6 court, including the following:
- 7 (1) Community supervision of offenders subject to the
- 8 jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to Section 602 or 1766
- 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- 10 (2) Operation of juvenile halls pursuant to Section 852 of the
- 11 Welfare and Institutions Code.
- 12 (3) Operation of juvenile camps and ranches established under
- 13 Section 880 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

Deleted: Except as provided in subdivision (b), the

- 1 (4) Community supervision of individuals subject to probation
- 2 pursuant to conditions imposed under Section 1203 of the Penal
- 3 Code.
- 4 (5) Community supervision of individuals subject to mandatory
- 5 supervision pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of
- 6 subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.
- 7 (6) Community supervision of individuals subject to postrelease
- 8 community supervision pursuant to Section 3451 of the Penal
- 9 Code.
- 10 (7) Administration of community-based corrections
- 11 programming, including, but not limited to, programs authorized
- 12 by Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1228) of Title 8 of Part
- 13 2 of the Penal Code.
- 14 (8) Serving as chair of the Community Corrections Partnership
- 15 pursuant to Section 1230 of the Penal Code.
- 16 (9) Making recommendations to the court, including, but not
- 17 limited to, pre-sentence investigative reports pursuant to Sections
- 18 1203.7 and 1203.10 of the Penal Code.

Deleted: 19→ (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, and except as provided[¶] 20→ in paragraph (2), the board of supervisors in a county with a[¶] 21→ population of at least 6,000,000 people may delegate to a county[¶] 22→ official who has jurisdiction over youth-development development,[¶] 23→ diversion, and reentry all or part of the duties and authorities[¶] 24→ concerning individuals who are under the jurisdiction of the[¶] 25→ juvenile court pursuant to Section 450, 601, or 602 of the Welfare[¶] 26→ and Institutions Code, including the duties and obligations as[¶] 27→ described in paragraphs (1) to (2) and (3), inclusive, of subdivision[¶] 28→ (a). The county board of supervisors shall delegate all or part of[¶] 29→ these duties and authorities to a county official that is part of a[¶] 30→ collective bargaining unit.[¶] 31→ Nothing in this subdivision shall result in the loss of represented[¶] 32→ staff currently employed by a county probation department without[¶] 33→ cause or prohibit any staff or department from performing duties[¶] 34→ delegated to it by the county board of supervisors.[¶] 35→ (2)→ The board of supervisors shall not delegate pursuant to[¶] 36→ paragraph (1) a duty or authority that any law requires to be[¶] 37→ undertaken by a peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5[¶] 38→ (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal[¶] 39→ Code.[¶]

1 (5) Individuals prohibited on supervision under paragraph (b) of the Code, that
 2 are consistent with those enumerated in subdivision (a) and may
 3 accept appointment to the Board of State and Community
 4 Corrections and collect the per diem authorized by Section 6025.1
 5 of the Penal Code.

29 SEC. 3. Section 827 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is
 30 amended to read:

31 827. (a) (1) Except as provided in Section 828, a case file
 32 may be inspected only by the following:

33 (A) Court personnel.

34 (B) The district attorney, a city attorney, or city prosecutor
 35 authorized to prosecute criminal or juvenile cases under state law.

36 (C) The minor who is the subject of the proceeding.

37 (D) The minor's parent or guardian.

38 (E) The attorneys for the parties, judges, referees, other hearing
 39 officers, probation officers, law enforcement officers who are actively participating

3 in criminal or juvenile proceedings involving the minor.
 4 (F) The county counsel, city attorney, or any other attorney
 5 representing the petitioning agency in a dependency action.

6 (G) The superintendent or designee of the school district where
 7 the minor is enrolled or attending school.

8 (H) Members of the child protective agencies as described in
 9 Section 11165.9 of the Penal Code.

10 (I) The State Department of Social Services, to carry out its
 11 duties pursuant to Division 9 (commencing with Section 10000)
 12 of this code and Part 5 (commencing with Section 7900) of
 13 Division 12 of the Family Code to oversee and monitor county
 14 child welfare agencies, children in foster care or receiving foster
 15 care assistance, and out-of-state placements, Section 10850.4, and
 16 paragraph (2).

17 (J) (i) Authorized staff who are employed by, or authorized
 18 staff of entities who are licensed by, the State Department of Social
 19 Services, as necessary to the performance of their duties related
 20 to resource family approval, and authorized staff who are employed
 21 by the State Department of Social Services as necessary to inspect,
 22 approve, or license, and monitor or investigate community care
 23 facilities or resource families, and to ensure that the standards of
 24 care and services provided in those facilities are adequate and
 25 appropriate, and to ascertain compliance with the rules and
 26 regulations to which the facilities are subject.

27 (ii) The confidential information shall remain confidential except
 28 for purposes of inspection, approval or licensing, or monitoring
 29 or investigation pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section
 30 1500) and Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 1596.70) of
 31 Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code and Article 2
 32 (commencing with Section 16519.5) of Chapter 5 of Part 4 of
 33 Division 9. The confidential information may also be used by the
 34 State Department of Social Services in a criminal, civil, or
 35 administrative proceeding. The confidential information shall be
 36 available only to the judge or hearing officer and to the parties to
 37 the case. Names that are confidential shall be listed in attachments
 38 separate to the general pleadings. The confidential information
 39 shall be sealed after the conclusion of the criminal, civil, or
 40 administrative hearings, and may not subsequently be released

Deleted: 6→ SEC. 2. Section 272.5 is added to the
 Welfare and Institutions

7→ Code, to read:

8→ 272.5.→ (a) Notwithstanding any other law,
 and except as

9→ provided in subdivision (b), the board of
 supervisors in a county

10→ with a population of at least 6,000,000 people
 may delegate to a

11→ county official who has jurisdiction over
 youth development

12→ development, diversion, and reentry all or part
 of the duties and

13→ authorities concerning individuals who are
 under the jurisdiction

14→ of the juvenile court pursuant to Section 450,
 601, or 602, including

15→ the duties and obligations as described in
 paragraphs (1) to (3);

16→ (2) and (3), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of
 Section 27771 of the

17→ Government Code. The county board of
 supervisors shall delegate

18→ all or part of these duties and authorities to a
 county official that

19→ is part of a collective bargaining unit.

20→ Nothing in this subdivision shall result in the
 loss of represented

21→ staff currently employed by a county
 probation department without

22→ cause or prohibit any staff or department from
 performing duties

23→ delegated to it by the county board of
 supervisors.

24→ (b) The board of supervisors shall not
 delegate pursuant to

25→ subdivision (a) a duty or authority that any
 law requires to be

26→ undertaken by a peace officer, as defined
 in Chapter 4.5

27→ (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of
 Part 2 of the Penal

28→ Code.

Deleted: county officials who have been
 40→ delegated duties, authorities, or both pursuant to Section
 272.5 of

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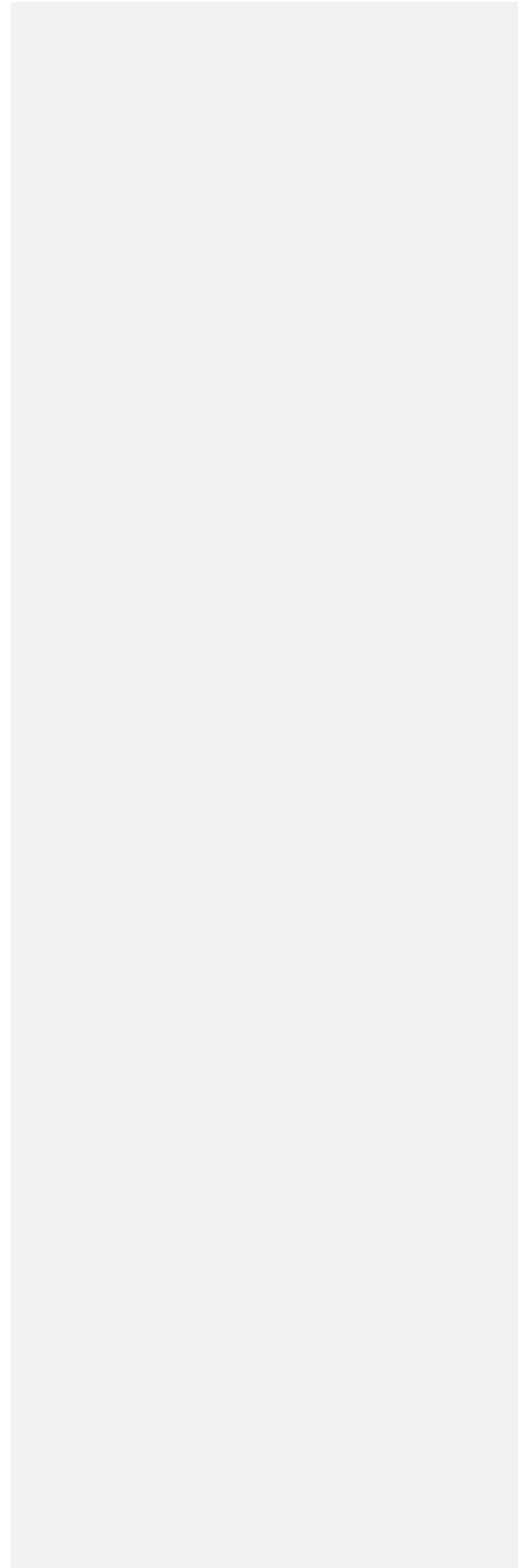
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1→ this code and subdivision (b) of Section 27771 of the
 Government

2→ Code, and

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1 ex (C) of individuals listed with this subdivision (A), if the Confidential
2 information does not result in a criminal, civil, or administrative
3 proceeding, it shall be sealed after the State Department of Social
4 Services determines that no further action will be taken in the
5 matter. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision,
6 confidential information shall not contain the name of the minor.

7 (K) Members of children's multidisciplinary teams, persons, or
8 agencies providing treatment or supervision of the minor.

9 (L) A judge, commissioner, or other hearing officer assigned
10 to a family law case with issues concerning custody or visitation,
11 or both, involving the minor, and the following persons, if actively
12 participating in the family law case: a family court mediator
13 assigned to a case involving the minor pursuant to Article 1
14 (commencing with Section 3160) of Chapter 11 of Part 2 of
15 Division 8 of the Family Code, a court-appointed evaluator or a
16 person conducting a court-connected child custody evaluation,
17 investigation, or assessment pursuant to Section 3111 or 3118 of
18 the Family Code, and counsel appointed for the minor in the family
19 law case pursuant to Section 3150 of the Family Code. Prior to
20 allowing counsel appointed for the minor in the family law case
21 to inspect the file, the court clerk may require counsel to provide
22 a certified copy of the court order appointing the minor's counsel.

23 (M) When acting within the scope of investigative duties of an
24 active case, a statutorily authorized or court-appointed investigator
25 who is conducting an investigation pursuant to Section 7663, 7851,
26 or 9001 of the Family Code, or who is actively participating in a
27 guardianship case involving a minor pursuant to Part 2
28 (commencing with Section 1500) of Division 4 of the Probate
29 Code and acting within the scope of the investigator's duties in
30 that case.

31 (N) A local child support agency for the purpose of establishing
32 paternity and establishing and enforcing child support orders.

33 (O) Juvenile justice commissions as established under Section
34 225. The confidentiality provisions of Section 10850 shall apply
35 to a juvenile justice commission and its members.

36 (P) The Department of Justice, to carry out its duties pursuant
37 to Sections 290.008 and 290.08 of the Penal Code as the repository
38 for sex offender registration and notification in California.

39 (Q) Any other person who may be designated by court order of
40 the judge of the juvenile court upon filing a petition.

1 (R) A probation officer who is preparing a report pursuant to
2 Section 1178 on behalf of a person who was in the custody of the
3 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile
4 Justice and who has petitioned the Board of Juvenile Hearings for
5 an honorable discharge.

6 (S) (i) The attorneys in an administrative hearing involving the
7 minor or nonminor only as necessary to meet the requirements of
8 Sections 10952 and 10952.5.

9 (ii) The confidential information shall remain confidential for
10 purposes of the administrative proceeding. The confidential
11 information shall be available only to the judge or hearing officer
12 and to the parties to the case. The confidential information shall
13 be sealed after the conclusion of the administrative hearing, and
14 shall not subsequently be released except in accordance with this
15 subdivision.

16 (T) Personnel of the State Department of Social Services, to
17 carry out the duties of the department pursuant to paragraph (1)
18 of subdivision (c) of Section 9100 of the Family Code or paragraph
19 (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 366.26.

20 (U) Personnel of the Office of Youth and Community
21 Restoration, to carry out the duties of the office pursuant to
22 Sections 2200, 2200.2, 2200.5, and 2200.7.

23 (V) The attorney representing a person who is, or was, subject
24 to juvenile proceedings under Section 601 or 602.

25 (2) (A) Notwithstanding any other law, and subject to
26 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3), juvenile case files, except those
27 relating to matters within the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to
28 Section 601 or 602, that pertain to a deceased child who was within
29 the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to Section 300, shall
30 be released to the public pursuant to an order by the juvenile court
31 after a petition has been filed and interested parties have been
32 afforded an opportunity to file an objection. Any information
33 relating to another child or that could identify another child, except
34 for information about the deceased, shall be redacted from the
35 juvenile case file prior to release, unless a specific order is made
36 by the juvenile court to the contrary. Except as provided in this
37 paragraph, the presiding judge of the juvenile court may issue an
38 order prohibiting or limiting access to the juvenile case file, or any
39 portion thereof, of a deceased child only upon a showing by a
40 preponderance of evidence that release of the juvenile case file or

1 any portion thereof is detrimental to the safety, protection, or
2 physical or emotional well-being of another child who is directly
3 or indirectly connected to the juvenile case that is the subject of
4 the petition.

5 (B) This paragraph represents a presumption in favor of the
6 release of documents when a child is deceased unless the statutory
7 reasons for confidentiality are shown to exist.

8 (C) If a child whose records are sought has died, and documents
9 are sought pursuant to this paragraph, no weighing or balancing
10 of the interests of those other than a child is permitted.

11 (D) A petition filed under this paragraph shall be served on
12 interested parties by the petitioner, if the petitioner is in possession
13 of their identity and address, and on the custodian of records. Upon
14 receiving a petition, the custodian of records shall serve a copy of
15 the request upon all interested parties that have not been served
16 by the petitioner or on the interested parties served by the petitioner
17 if the custodian of records possesses information, such as a more
18 recent address, indicating that the service by the petitioner may
19 have been ineffective.

20 (E) The custodian of records shall serve the petition within 10
21 calendar days of receipt. If an interested party, including the
22 custodian of records, objects to the petition, the party shall file and
23 serve the objection on the petitioning party no later than 15
24 calendar days after service of the petition.

25 (F) The petitioning party shall have 10 calendar days to file a
26 reply. The juvenile court shall set the matter for hearing no more
27 than 60 calendar days from the date the petition is served on the
28 custodian of records. The court shall render its decision within 30
29 days of the hearing. The matter shall be decided solely upon the
30 basis of the petition and supporting exhibits and declarations, if
31 any, the objection and any supporting exhibits or declarations, if
32 any, and the reply and any supporting declarations or exhibits
33 thereto, and argument at hearing. The court may, solely upon its
34 own motion, order the appearance of witnesses. If an objection is
35 not filed to the petition, the court shall review the petition and
36 issue its decision within 10 calendar days of the final day for filing
37 the objection. An order of the court shall be immediately
38 reviewable by petition to the appellate court for the issuance of an
39 extraordinary writ.

1 (3) Access to juvenile case files pertaining to matters within the
2 jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to Section 300 or Section
3 601 or 602 shall be limited as follows:

4 (A) If a juvenile case file, or any portion thereof, is privileged
5 or confidential pursuant to any other state law or federal law or
6 regulation, the requirements of that state law or federal law or
7 regulation prohibiting or limiting release of the juvenile case file
8 or any portions thereof shall prevail. Unless a person is listed in
9 subparagraphs (A) to (P), inclusive, of paragraph (1) and is entitled
10 to access under the other state law or federal law or regulation
11 without a court order, all those seeking access, pursuant to other
12 authorization, to portions of, or information relating to the contents
13 of, juvenile case files protected under another state law or federal
14 law or regulation, shall petition the juvenile court. The juvenile
15 court may only release the portion of, or information relating to
16 the contents of, juvenile case files protected by another state law
17 or federal law or regulation if disclosure is not detrimental to the
18 safety, protection, or physical or emotional well-being of a child,
19 minor, or person who is directly or indirectly connected to the
20 juvenile case that is the subject of the petition. This paragraph does
21 not limit the ability of the juvenile court to carry out its duties in
22 conducting juvenile court proceedings.

23 (B) Prior to the release of the juvenile case file or any portion
24 thereof, the court shall afford due process, including a notice of,
25 and an opportunity to file an objection to, the release of the record
26 or report to all interested parties.

27 (C) This paragraph does not limit or repeal any other applicable
28 legal standard or protections designed to safeguard private,
29 confidential, or privileged information.

30 (4) A juvenile case file, any portion thereof, and information
31 relating to the content of the juvenile case file, may not be
32 disseminated by the receiving agencies to a person or agency, other
33 than a person or agency authorized to receive documents pursuant
34 to this section. Further, a juvenile case file, any portion thereof,
35 and information relating to the content of the juvenile case file,
36 may not be made as an attachment to any other documents without
37 the prior approval of the presiding judge of the juvenile court,
38 unless it is used in connection with, and in the course of, a criminal
39 investigation or a proceeding brought to declare a person a
40 dependent child or ward of the juvenile court.

(5) Individuals listed in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (H), (I), (J), (P), (S), (T), and (U) of paragraph (1) may also receive copies of the case file. For authorized staff of entities who are licensed by the State Department of Social Services, the confidential information shall be obtained through a child protective agency, as defined in subparagraph (H) of paragraph (1). In these circumstances, the requirements of paragraph (4) shall continue to apply to the information received.

(6) An individual other than a person described in subparagraphs (A) to (P), inclusive, of paragraph (1) who files a notice of appeal or petition for writ challenging a juvenile court order, or who is a respondent in that appeal or real party in interest in that writ proceeding, may, for purposes of that appeal or writ proceeding, inspect and copy any records in a juvenile case file to which the individual was previously granted access by the juvenile court pursuant to subparagraph (Q) of paragraph (1), including any records or portions thereof that are made a part of the appellate record. The requirements of paragraph (3) shall continue to apply to any other record, or a portion thereof, in the juvenile case file or made a part of the appellate record. The requirements of paragraph (4) shall continue to apply to files received pursuant to this paragraph. The Judicial Council shall adopt rules to implement this paragraph.

(b) (1) While the Legislature reaffirms its belief that juvenile court records, in general, should be confidential, it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this subdivision to provide for a limited exception to juvenile court record confidentiality to promote more effective communication among juvenile courts, family courts, law enforcement agencies, and schools to ensure the rehabilitation of juvenile criminal offenders as well as to lessen the potential for drug use, violence, other forms of delinquency, and child abuse.

(2) (A) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), written notice that a minor enrolled in a public school, kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have committed a felony or misdemeanor involving curfew, gambling, alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, carrying of weapons, a sex offense listed in Section 290 of the Penal Code, assault or battery, larceny, vandalism, or graffiti shall be provided by the court, within seven days, to the superintendent of the school district of attendance. Written notice shall include only the offense found

1 to have been committed by the minor and the disposition of the
2 minor's case. This notice shall be expeditiously transmitted by the
3 district superintendent to the principal at the school of attendance.
4 The principal shall expeditiously disseminate the information to
5 those counselors directly supervising or reporting on the behavior
6 or progress of the minor. In addition, the principal shall disseminate
7 the information to any teacher or administrator directly supervising
8 or reporting on the behavior or progress of the minor whom the
9 principal believes needs the information to work with the pupil in
10 an appropriate fashion to avoid being needlessly vulnerable or to
11 protect other persons from needless vulnerability.

12 (B) Any information received by a teacher, counselor, or
13 administrator under this subdivision shall be received in confidence
14 for the limited purpose of rehabilitating the minor and protecting
15 students and staff, and shall not be further disseminated by the
16 teacher, counselor, or administrator, except insofar as
17 communication with the juvenile, the juvenile's parents or
18 guardians, law enforcement personnel, and the juvenile's probation
19 officer is necessary to effectuate the juvenile's rehabilitation or to
20 protect students and staff.

21 (C) An intentional violation of the confidentiality provisions of
22 this paragraph is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed
23 five hundred dollars (\$500).

24 (3) If a minor is removed from public school as a result of the
25 court's finding described in subdivision (b), the superintendent
26 shall maintain the information in a confidential file and shall defer
27 transmittal of the information received from the court until the
28 minor is returned to public school. If the minor is returned to a
29 school district other than the one from which the minor came, the
30 parole or probation officer having jurisdiction over the minor shall
31 so notify the superintendent of the last district of attendance, who
32 shall transmit the notice received from the court to the
33 superintendent of the new district of attendance.

34 (c) Each probation report filed with the court concerning a minor
35 whose record is subject to dissemination pursuant to subdivision
36 (b) shall include on the face sheet the school at which the minor
37 is currently enrolled. The county superintendent shall provide the
38 court with a listing of all of the schools within each school district,
39 within the county, along with the name and mailing address of
40 each district superintendent.

1 (d) (1) Each notice sent by the court pursuant to subdivision
2 (b) shall be stamped with the instruction: “Unlawful Dissemination
3 Of This Information Is A Misdemeanor.” Any information received
4 from the court shall be kept in a separate confidential file at the
5 school of attendance and shall be transferred to the minor’s
6 subsequent schools of attendance and maintained until the minor
7 graduates from high school, is released from juvenile court
8 jurisdiction, or reaches 18 years of age, whichever occurs first.
9 After that time, the confidential record shall be destroyed. At any
10 time after the date by which a record required to be destroyed by
11 this section should have been destroyed, the minor or the minor’s
12 parent or guardian shall have the right to make a written request
13 to the principal of the school that the minor’s school records be
14 reviewed to ensure that the record has been destroyed. Upon
15 completion of the requested review and no later than 30 days after
16 the request for the review was received, the principal or a designee
17 shall respond in writing to the written request and either shall
18 confirm that the record has been destroyed or, if the record has not
19 been destroyed, shall explain why destruction has not yet occurred.

20 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b),
21 liability shall not attach to a person who transmits or fails to
22 transmit notice or information required under subdivision (b).

23 (e) For purposes of this section, a “juvenile case file” means a
24 petition filed in a juvenile court proceeding, reports of the probation
25 officer, and all other records, including any writing as defined in
26 Section 250 of the Evidence Code, or electronically stored
27 information relating to the minor, that is filed in that case or made
28 available to the probation officer in making the probation officer’s
29 report, or to the judge, referee, or other hearing officer, and
30 thereafter retained by the probation officer, judge, referee, or other
31 hearing officer.

32 (f) The persons described in subparagraphs (A), (E), (F), (H),
33 (K), (L), (M), and (N) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) include
34 persons serving in a similar capacity for an Indian tribe, reservation,
35 or tribal court when the case file involves a child who is a member
36 of, or who is eligible for membership in, that tribe.

37 (g) Any portion of a case file that is covered by, or included in,
38 an order of the court sealing a record pursuant to Section 781 or
39 786, or that is covered by a record sealing requirement pursuant

1 to Section 786.5 or 827.95, may not be inspected, except as
2 specified by those sections.

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