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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on: February 19, 2015

Title	Agenda Item Type
Judicial Branch Education: Report to the Legislature on Compliance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 304.7	Action Required
	Effective Date
	February 19, 2015
Recommended by	Date of Report
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Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommends that the Judicial Council, after reviewing the attached 2014 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey, approve it to be submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Welfare and Institutions code section 304.7(c).

Previous Council Action

The Judicial Council has developed education and training for judges, commissioners, and referees in the area of juvenile dependency that satisfies the requirements of Welfare and

Institutes Code section I 304.7(a) and (b). With respect to subdivision (c), submitting an annual report to the Legislature, up until the present, it had been the policy that the report on compliance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7 be sent directly to the Legislature from the Administrative Office of the Courts. This policy has recently been changed and this report shall now be submitted to the Judicial Council for review and approval prior to 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, both 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.
- (b) Any 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).

Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications

This is a mandated report to the Legislature.

Implementation Requirements, Costs, and Operational Impacts

There are no costs to submitting the mandated report to the Legislature.

Attachments and Links

1. 2014 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey



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**Re: 2014 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Surveys as required under the
Welfare and Institutions Code Section 304.7**

Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine, Mr. Alvarez, and Mr. Wilson:

**Attached is the Judicial Council report for calendar year 2014, required
under Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7, regarding the
education and reporting requirements for judicial officers who hear
juvenile dependency matters.**

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Attachment

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REPORT SUMMARY

Report title: 2014 Juvenile Judicial Officer Training Survey

Statutory citation: Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7

Date of report: February 6, 2015

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 304.7.

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

This annual report to the Legislature describes compliance by judges, commissioners, and referees with the education and training standards described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of section 304.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-7807.

2014 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	9	9
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	2	0	0	0	0
Butte	3	3	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	4	4	1	1	0	0
Fresno	11	8	1	1	0	0
Glenn	1	1	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	2	2	0	0	0	0
Imperial	8	8	0	0	0	0
Inyo	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kern	3	3	0	0	1	1
Kings	7	7	0	0	0	0
Lake	2	2	0	0	0	0
Lassen	1	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	15	15	6	6	4	4
Madera	3	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	2	0	0	0	0
Merced	4	4	0	0	0	0
Modoc	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	1	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Napa	6	6	2	2	0	0
Nevada	2	2	0	0	0	0
Orange	7	7	1	1	0	0
Placer	4	4	1	1	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	4	4	2	2	0	0
Sacramento	2	2	0	0	3	3
San Benito	2	2	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	4	4	0	0	0	0
San Diego	14	11	2	2	0	0
San Francisco	3	3	2	2	0	0
San Joaquin	2	2	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	5	1	1	1	0	0
San Mateo	6	6	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	6	3	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	4	4	2	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	2	2	0	0	0	0
Shasta	3	3	0	0	0	0

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	<i>Judges</i>		<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Referees</i>	
County	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training	Assigned	Attended Training
Sierra	1	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	3	3	0	0	0	0
Solano	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	3	1	1	1	0	0
Stanislaus	3	3	0	0	0	0
Sutter	5	5	0	0	0	0
Tehama	4	1	0	0	0	0
Trinity	2	2	0	0	0	0
Tulare	2	2	1	1	0	0
Tuolumne	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ventura	3	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	4	1	0	0	0	0
Yuba	1	1	0	0	0	0
* No response received						