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JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT IN 2012

New report supports Governor's plan to realign juvenile justice

San Francisco, CA: A new report from the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ) entitled *Juvenile Justice Realignment in 2012* provides support for Governor Brown's realignment proposal and offers five policy recommendations that include a three-year process that allows counties time to design new services and infrastructure. At the end of three years, the state will no longer manage youth correctional institutions and the resources that used to sustain these facilities will be transferred to the counties. Shifting full responsibilities for juvenile justice services to the counties will spur innovation and produce substantial cost savings. Similar recommendations by the Legislative Analyst's Office, Little Hoover Commission, and the Governor's Office date back to 2008.

“Closing the remaining state run youth correctional facilities is long overdue. The state cannot afford to continue to operate a broken, expensive, and fragmented system. I fully support Governor Brown and his assertion that the future of juvenile justice rests at the county level where the best correctional services are delivered. It is time to build a 21st century juvenile justice system by shifting the needed resources to the counties.”

~ CJCJ Executive Director, Daniel Macallair

Read the full publication at http://www.cjcj.org/files/Juvenile_Justice_Realignment_2012.pdf

If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with CJCJ's Executive Director, Daniel Macallair, please contact Selena Teji at (415) 621-5661 x. 317 or by email at steji@cjcj.org.

Statement by non-partisan Little Hoover Commission:

“The Little Hoover Commission recommended in 2008 that the state eliminate its juvenile justice operations and provide sustained, dedicated funding for counties to establish programs and services for all youth offenders.”

~ Stuart Drown, Executive Director of the Little Hoover Commission.

To schedule an interview with Stuart Drown, Executive Director of the Little Hoover Commission please contact him at (916) 445-2125.

Statement from the Legislative Analyst's Office, *Governor's Realignment Plan – Criminal Justice* (January 25, 2011) on Governor Brown's previous June 2011 realignment proposal:

“Counties would have a fiscal interest in promoting positive outcomes for all juvenile offenders and in preventing low-level offenders from becoming more serious offenders... Counties would have a greater ability to design programs to meet their unique challenges in dealing with juvenile offenders... Counties already have the vast majority of responsibility for the juvenile justice system. Less than 1 percent of juvenile arrests result in commitment to DJF, and counties have recently taken on responsibility for DJF parolees. Thus, under the Governor's proposal, funding and responsibility for all juvenile offenders would be maintained at one level of government.”

To read the full report visit:

http://www.lao.ca.gov/handouts/crimjust/2011/CJ_Realignment_Plan_01_25_11.pdf

Statement from Governor E. Brown's current proposed budget FY 2012-13:

“The Division of Juvenile Justice currently houses approximately 1,100 offenders. The Budget proposes to expand on previous successful efforts to reform the state's juvenile justice system by eventually transferring the responsibility for managing all youthful offenders to local jurisdictions. The Budget proposes to stop intake of new juvenile offenders effective January 1, 2013, and also proposes \$10 million General Fund in 2011-12 to support local governments in planning for this transition. The Administration is committed to working with local governments and stakeholders to ensure a successful transition, and to develop a funding model that provides an appropriate level of resources to house and treat juvenile offenders locally.”

To access the full corrections and rehabilitation budget summary visit:

<http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/pdf/BudgetSummary/CorrectionsandRehabilitation.pdf>

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