

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

SB 823 DJJ Realignment

- I. Overview of Legislation
 - a. Realigns DJJ from State to Counties
 - b. DJJ (Division of Juvenile Justice), formerly CYA
 - c. Becomes effective 7/1/21
 - i. Prospective – Youth stay local
 - ii. DJJ closes via attrition – Existing Youth stay at DJJ
 - d. Age of Jurisdiction
 - i. 21 – Normal Cases
 - ii. 23 – WIC 707(b) Offenses
 - iii. 25 – WIC 707(b) with 7+ year aggregate term
 - e. Creates OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration)
 - i. Under HHS Agency at State
 - ii. Shifts Juvenile grants from BSCC to OYCR by 1/1/25
 - iii. Receives and reviews County plans
 - iv. Creates Ombudsman
 - f. Funding Formula
 - i. DJJ population 30%, WIC 707(b) offenses 50%, county population of 10-17 20%
 - ii. Rolls out over 3 years
 - iii. Re-evaluate formula for FY 24/25
 - g. Creates Subcommittee of JJCC
 - i. Probation (Chair), Representatives from DA, PD, DHS, BHRS, Court and 3 Community members
 - ii. To develop plan and submit to OYCR by 1/1/22
 - iii. No plan needed for year one
 - iv. OYCR reviews plan to ensure contains statutory requirements
 - v. Prohibits DA or SO from providing rehabilitative or supervision services for realigned population.
- II. Local Discussion
 - a. DJJ Numbers
 - i. Approximately 35 in custody at DJJ
 - ii. Offenses ranging from most common to least: Robberies & car jackings, assaults, attempted murder, sex offenses, arson, murder
 - iii. Kern Admissions: 2016: 6, 2017: 12, 2018: 21, 2019: 13
 - iv. Average length of stay 28 months
 - b. Vacant Pod at Kern Crossroads Facility
 - i. Holds up to 40 youth
 - ii. Separate population
 - iii. Handle in County vs. contracting out
 - iv. Female Youth population (2)

- c. Research on Services
 - i. Education -Secondary and Post-Secondary
 - ii. Job skills
 - iii. Mental Health services
 - iv. Specialized treatment including Sexual Offender services
 - v. Evidence-based treatment

- III. Moving Forward
 - a. Continue research on services
 - b. Will form subcommittee and begin plan discussions (2021)
 - c. Continue to report back to full JJCC on progress