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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (LACOE) TO LEAD POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SERVICES FOR YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DETENTION FACILITIES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Probation Department's effort to serve detained high school graduates is noteworthy. However, as the population grows and their needs become more complex, it is in their best interest for an educational institution to lead and oversee this work. The POC's recommendations are as follows:

- The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) should develop a proposal in consultation with the Los Angeles County Probation Department (Probation) and the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission (POC) that articulates the infrastructure they need to successfully implement this work. The proposal should include the student outcomes they will measure and their recommendations for making the data publicly available.
- Should the Board of Supervisors (Board) find the proposal satisfactory, the Board should:
 - Designate LACOE as the lead entity to develop and implement educational and vocational services for all youth in Probation's detention facilities including high school graduates.
 - Instruct Probation to enter a Memorandum of Understanding that clearly delineates the roles and responsibilities of the Probation Department and LACOE. The agreement should also define the duties, facility use, and expectations LACOE has of Probation to ensure the success of this initiative.
 - Instruct LACOE to enter into a data-sharing agreement with the POC as it relates to student education services and outcomes.
 - Instruct LACOE to change its current policy prohibiting graduates and high-school students from participating in the same dual-enrollment courses.
 - Work with the Chief Executive Officer to explore the feasibility of transferring NCC-funded Probation Education Services items (positions) to LACOE. These positions should be used to provide intensive case management support to post-secondary students similar to the support available in other counties.
 - Instruct the Auditor-Controller to assess the spending plan for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCBA) and Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) funding from the State of California, in consultation with the POC. A recent state audit revealed that the County only spent \$9.7 million of its \$88 million allocation of JJRBG funds.
 - Investigate if any of this funding can be awarded to LACOE or passed through LACOE to community-based organizations to support the implementation of this proposal.