

# **Resolution to Appoint Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

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WHEREAS, Senate Bill 823 (SB 823) was signed by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 30, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, among many noteworthy changes to California State Code, SB 823 establishes a Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) program to provide funds to enable county-based custody, care, and supervision of youth who are realigned from the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) or who would have otherwise been eligible for commitment to the DJJ, thereby changing Los Angeles County responsibilities with respect to juvenile offenders and imposing a state-mandated local program; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 1995(a), the JJCC must create a subcommittee for Los Angeles County to be eligible for JJRBG funding. The JJRBG Subcommittee is required to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services youth who were eligible for commitment to the DJJ prior to its closure, as well as individuals who are adjudicated to be a ward of the juvenile court based on an offense described in WIC Section 707(b) or on offense described in Penal Code Section 290.008; and,

WHEREAS, in order to receive Fiscal Year 2022-2023 funding pursuant to WIC Section 1991, a JJRBG Plan shall be filed with the Office of Youth and Community Restoration by January 1, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, in order to continue receiving funding, the JJRBG Subcommittee is required to convene to consider the JJRBG plan every third year, but at a minimum submit the most recent plan regardless of changes to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration by May 1 of each year; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with WIC Section 1995(b), the JJRBG Subcommittee shall be composed of the chief probation officer, as chair, and one representative each from the district attorney's office, the public defender's office, the department of social services, the department of mental health, the county office of education or a school district, and a representative from the court. The subcommittee shall also include no fewer than three community members who shall be defined as individuals who have experience providing community-based youth services, youth justice advocates with expertise and knowledge of the juvenile justice system, or have been directly involved in the juvenile justice system.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the JJCC appoint a Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Ad Hoc Subcommittee (JJRBG Subcommittee):

1. Chaired by the Chief Probation Officer of Los Angeles County
2. With membership composed of the following permanent JJCC members:
  - a. District Attorney
  - b. Public Defender
  - c. Department of Public Social Services
  - d. Department of Mental Health
  - e. Los Angeles County Office of Education
  - f. Juvenile Court
3. With membership composed of the 5 Non-permanent JJCC members consisting of the Non-Profit Community-Based Organization Representatives from Supervisorial Districts 1 through 5

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The JJRBG Subcommittee be empowered to make proposals and prepare a draft JJRBG plan consistent with WIC 1995(c) and SB 823 and will consider the recommendations of the DJJ Transition Subcommittee.
2. The JJRBG Subcommittee present its findings in a draft report to the JJCC-CAC at its June 2021 meeting.
3. The JJRBG Subcommittee present its findings in a final report and a proposed JJRBG plan to the JJCC at its August 2021 meeting.
4. Where possible, representatives or agencies who served on the DJJ Transition Subcommittee be given priority to serve on the JJRBG Subcommittee.