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Revisions to Deferred Entry Judgment Pilot Program

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## TO: THE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS OF ALAMEDA, BUTTE, NAPA, NEVADA, SANTA CLARA, AND VENTURA COUNTIES

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise the probation departments of Alameda, Butte, Napa, Nevada, Santa Clara, and Ventura County of changes to laws relating to the "Deferred Entry of Judgment Pilot Program" [Senate Bill (SB) 1004, Stats. 2016, ch. 865], Penal Code section 1000.7.

Existing law authorizes a county to establish a pilot program that functions as deferred entry of judgment for eligible defendants. It authorizes defendants to participate in the program within the county's juvenile hall if that person meets the requirements under subdivision (b) of Penal Code section 1000.7. This law additionally requires a county participating in this pilot program to establish a multidisciplinary team to meet periodically to review and discuss the implementation, practices, and impact of the program.

On July 30, 2019, SB 1390 (Stats. 2019, ch. 129) amended Penal Code section 1000.7, authorizing a defendant who is 21 years of age or older, but under 25 years of age on the date the offense was committed, to participate in the program if approved by the multidisciplinary team established by a county. This change became effective on <u>January 1, 2020</u>.

## **Data Submission**

As a reminder, the probation departments are required to submit data that relates to the effectiveness of the pilot program to the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ), specifically to the department's Research Center. This data should include recidivism rates for program participants as compared to recidivism rates for similar populations in the adult system within the county. Please contact the CA DOJ Research Center at research.center@doj.ca.gov for detailed instructions on how to securely submit data.

If you have questions about this Information Bulletin, email the CA DOJ Research Center at research.center@doj.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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