



In-Custody Death Review Division Fact Sheet

In February 2023, Senator Toni Atkins introduced Senate Bill 519, which proposed amendments to section 6024, and added sections 832.10, and 6034 to the Penal Code, relating to the BSCC and local detention facilities. On October 4, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 519. Effective July 1, 2024, SB 519 established the position of Director for the In-Custody Death Review Division (ICDRD) within the BSCC. Allison Ganter is the Director of this division. Here are a few highlights of the ICDRD's work:

- In accordance with Penal Code 6034, the ICDRD is required to review investigations of deaths which occur within a local detention facility.
- The objective of an in-custody death investigation review is to evaluate and verify an agency's performance in response to, and investigation into the death of an incarcerated person in agency's care.
- The scope of the ICDRD review includes consideration of the circumstances prior to, during, and after the in-custody death incident.
- ICDRD may make recommendations to local Chief, Sheriff, Director, etc. regarding an agency's handling of the in-custody death investigation.
- The BSCC will provide public reports regarding its findings and recommendations made to local Chief, Sheriff, Director, etc.
- **The BSCC does not conduct investigations into alleged misconduct by peace officers or other staff of a local detention facility.**
- **The BSCC does not conduct investigations into any in-custody death incident.**
- **The BSCC cannot advocate or provide legal advice for any incarcerated person, family, etc.**
- **The BSCC does not respond to grievances filed by, or on behalf, of an incarcerated person regarding the conditions of their incarceration.**
- BCSS Website: https://www.bscc.ca.gov/m_bsccboard/
- Senate Bill 519: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB519
- California Penal Code: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=PEN&tocTitle=+Penal+Code+-+PEN>

Please contact the local jail administrator directly with any concerns about confinement at the local detention facility, grievances, or requests for records.