

**BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
TITLE 15, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1, SUBCHAPTER 1
STANDARDS AND TRAINING OF LOCAL CORRECTIONS
AND PROBATION OFFICERS**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Pursuant to the authority granted by Penal Code sections 6035 and 6036, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC¹) hereby gives notice of the proposed regulatory action(s) described in this public notice. It is the intent of the BSCC to amend regulations contained in Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, California Code of Regulations (CCR), which is commonly known as Standards and Training of Local Corrections and Probation Officers, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding these regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING

The BSCC did not schedule a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the BSCC will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, no later than 15 days before the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the BSCC.

A written comment period has been established commencing on September 18, 2026, and closing on November 2, 2026. The BSCC will consider only comments received by the closing date. Submit comments to:

Board of State and Community Corrections
Attn: Amanda Ferreira, Staff Services Manager I (Specialist)
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POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Following the public comment period, the BSCC may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. Any modifications made to the full text of the proposed regulations will be clearly indicated and made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date that the BSCC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). The BSCC will accept written comments on the modified regulation text during the 15-day period. Comments should be addressed to the primary contact person as provided above.

¹ For the purpose of this document, "BSCC" and "Board" are used interchangeably to refer to the Board of State and Community Corrections.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Penal Code sections 6035 and 6036 authorize the BSCC to establish minimum standards for selection and training of local corrections and probation officers. The proposed regulations would implement, interpret, and make specific sections 6035 and 6036.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

This rulemaking action proposes amendments to Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations related to the Standards and Training of Local Corrections and Probation Officers Program. These amendments update the regulatory criteria for certifying training courses, reviewing applications for certification, allocating funds, maintaining records, and evaluating program effectiveness.

Summary of Existing Laws and Effect of the Proposed Action

Penal Code sections 6035 and 6036 require the Board to establish minimum standards for the selection and training of local corrections and probation officers and authorize the Board to amend those standards as necessary. These statutes form the foundation of the Standards and Training for Local Corrections (STC) program and govern how training requirements are developed, certified, delivered, and evaluated. Under existing regulations in Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board has established criteria for certifying training courses, reviewing applications, allocating funds, maintaining records, and evaluating program effectiveness.

Current regulatory language requires the Board to consider the cost of training when certifying courses, reviewing applications, and conducting program evaluations. Regulations also reference “tuition” as a type of allowable expense and as a category for record-keeping. However, the Board is not a party to the financial transactions between participating agencies and training providers and does not oversee, verify, or participate in determining the actual costs of training delivery. Because agencies pay providers directly, cost-related concerns are identified only when reported or discovered incidentally, limiting the Board’s ability to reliably evaluate or apply cost information within these regulatory processes.

The proposed regulatory amendments remove cost-related criteria from the course certification standards, application requirements, and program evaluation factors. Specifically, references to “cost of providing instruction,” “cost effectiveness,” and “costs associated with delivery” are eliminated from sections 231, 232, and 320. Additionally, outdated terminology, such as the use of “tuition,” is replaced with “course training costs” to more accurately reflect the expenses incurred by participating agencies and to improve clarity and consistency across the regulations.

By eliminating cost as a regulatory factor, the proposed amendments ensure that the Board relies only on information it can consistently and effectively evaluate. The revised

regulations better align with the Board's administrative role, remove criteria that cannot be practically assessed, and modernize the regulatory text to reflect the operational reality of how training costs are incurred, tracked, and reported. These updates do not change the intent or core structure of the existing regulations; rather, they streamline requirements, reduce ambiguity, and support more accurate application and monitoring of training standards.

Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

The BSCC has determined that these proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the BSCC has concluded that these are the only regulations that address minimum standards for selection and training of local corrections and probation officers.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal regulations or statutes.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulation

The anticipated benefits of the proposed regulations include improved clarity, consistency, and practical application of the standards governing course certification, application review, allocation of funds, record-keeping, and program evaluation within the Standards and Training for Local Corrections Program. By removing cost as a criterion, the Board must evaluate, the certification and program evaluation processes will rely solely on factors the Board can consistently assess. This reduces unintended barriers created when cost information, over which the Board has no direct oversight, affects whether courses may be certified or favorably evaluated.

The proposed amendments are expected to broaden opportunities for training providers to offer a wider range of certified courses and enhance the flexibility for participating agencies to select training most appropriate for their operational needs. Increased access to relevant, high-quality training supports improved overall preparedness, competency, and professional development among local corrections and probation officers, contributing to safe and effective operation of local detention facilities.

Updating terminology, including replacing "tuition" with "course training costs," further benefits agencies and training providers by improving clarity and ensuring the regulatory language accurately reflects how training expenses are incurred and documented within the program. This clarity supports more consistent implementation of training requirements and aids in accurate record-keeping and monitoring.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The BSCC has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: None.

Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.

Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: None.

Costs or savings in federal funding to the state: None.

Significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

Cost impacts on a representative private person or businesses: The BSCC is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The BSCC concludes that it is unlikely that these regulations will (1) create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California, (2) create jobs or eliminate jobs within California, (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California; and (4) affect worker safety or the State's environment. The BSCC concludes that it is likely that these regulations will benefit the health and welfare of California residents, particularly local corrections and probation staff and the individuals in their care, by supporting greater access to relevant, high-quality training. By removing cost-based criteria that the Board cannot reliably evaluate, the proposed amendments enable agencies to select training courses that best meet operational needs without being limited by cost constraints, thereby improving staff preparedness, competency, and overall facility safety.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Business Report Determination: None.

Small Business Determination: The BSCC has concluded that the implementation of this action will not affect small businesses, as these regulations apply solely to the standards and training for local corrections and probation officers and do not impose any requirements on small businesses.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the BSCC must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The BSCC invites interested parties to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period or public hearing if one is requested.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

The Rulemaking File, which includes all the information on which this proposal is based, is available for viewing by request at the BSCC's office and may also be accessed through the BSCC's website at <http://www.bscc.ca.gov>.

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT

If the BSCC makes modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will clearly indicate the changes and make the modified text available to the public for at least 15 days before the BSCC adopts the regulations as revised. The modified text may be accessed through the BSCC website at <http://www.bscc.ca.gov>. Those persons who do not have access to the Internet may submit a written request to the contact persons listed below.

AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Initial and Final Statement of Reasons may be accessed through the BSCC website at <http://www.bscc.ca.gov>. Those persons who do not have access to the Internet may submit a written request to the contact persons listed below.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS; INTERNET ACCESS

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulation in strikeout and underline can be accessed through our website at <http://www.bscc.ca.gov>. Those persons who do not have access to the Internet may submit a written request to the contact persons listed below.

CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE AND/OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

Inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to the primary contact person:

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