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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Assembly Bill (AB) 1998, Disaggregation of Juvenile Justice Data by Race and Ethnicity: Juvenile Justice Standing Committee Recommendations. **Requesting Approval.**

Summary

Assembly Bill 1998 directed the Board of State and Community Corrections to “develop recommendations for best practices and standardization for counties on how to disaggregate juvenile justice caseload and performance and outcome data by race and ethnicity.” The bill seeks a more accurate accounting of the ethnicity and race of juveniles in contact with the justice system. At its November 2016 meeting, the BSCC Board delegated responsibility for developing these recommendations to the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC).

Background

Assembly Bill 1998 (Campos) (Statutes of 2016, Chapter 880) directed the Board to revise reporting requirements for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) programs. In addition, AB 1998 required the Board to develop recommendations “for best practices and standardization for counties on how to disaggregate juvenile justice caseload and performance outcome data by race and ethnicity.”

After the November 2016 Board meeting, the JJSC met in August 2017 and established an outline of its recommendations for disaggregating race and ethnicity data. Relying on federal and state requirements and ongoing research related to the collection of data on race and ethnicity, the JJSC developed recommendations contained in Attachment C-1.

The JJSC’s recommendations come from the best practices being considered by the U.S. Census Bureau that include using a question format where race and ethnicity are combined. This will allow persons that identify as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish to select a category with which they identify rather than selecting the only categories currently used for race: White, Black (African American), Asian, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or other.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends:

1. The Board approve the JJSC’s recommendations as provided in Attachment G-1.

Attachments

C-1: Recommendations for the Collection and Reporting of Juvenile Race and Ethnicity Data, Juvenile Justice Standing Committee, December 2017