



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 10th, 2026

PRESIDENT
Eric Lucan
5TH DISTRICT

Senator Archuleta
1021 O Street, Suite 6620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1157 Juveniles: secure youth treatment facilities – support

VICE PRESIDENT
Stephanie Moulton-Peters
3RD DISTRICT

Dear Senator Archuleta,

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Brian Colbert
2ND DISTRICT

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of your authored bill, SB 1157, that would close critical gaps created by the closure of the state youth facilities. We support the measures of SB 1157 to authorize county probation departments to refer youth in a county Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) to the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) for specialized care and establishes a safety framework for specified Less Restrictive Programs (LRPs).

Mary Sackett
1ST DISTRICT

This statutory authority is necessary as, while infrequent, there are instances where a youth's behavioral health needs are so significant as to require treatment beyond the scope of what is available in juvenile detention facilities, and which may only be adequately and appropriately provided in a locked behavioral health facility.

Dennis Rodoni
4TH DISTRICT

Despite the establishment of LRPs as an option for courts to consider upon progress of a youth, statute does not establish a framework when the program is for a residential setting when that setting is not otherwise governed or regulated by a government or public entity. Because these programs are part of the term of secure detention, and not a part of post jurisdiction or release, it's critical that there is a framework in place to set programming expectations, safety considerations, and liability concerns for programs serving the highest risk and highest need youth and young adults in the state.

Derek Johnson
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Carla Kacmar
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD

For these reasons, the County of Marin supports SB 1157 to resolve unaddressed issues resulting from the enactment of the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and to ensure that mental health services and programmatic frameworks are in place to best serve these youth and young adults and the safety of the community. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

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Sincerely,

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