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SENATE FLOOR ALERT

AB 58 (Kalra) – Deferred entry of judgment pilot program.

As Amended June 19, 2023 – SUPPORT

Senate Third Reading File

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state's counties, writes in support of AB 58 by Assembly Member Ash Kalra. This measure would extend the sunset date of the deferred entry of judgment pilot program for Alameda, Butte, Napa, Nevada, and Santa Clara counties from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026.

The deferred entry of judgment pilot program affords transition-age youth (18-25 years of age) greater opportunities to receive age-appropriate – intensive services, coordination, and planning – for employment, housing, and education, in lieu of time incarcerated in the adult system. Research has shown that cognitive development, which impacts decision-making and criminal behavior, continues far beyond adolescence. In recognition of the science and research around brain development, this pilot program would allow transition-age youth to have their charges dismissed upon successful completion of the program, with the goal of reducing recidivism and improving outcomes.

Ultimately, counties seek to continue the development and evaluation of the pilot to incorporate best practices statewide, while investing in the transition of justice-involved individuals through transformational and evidence-based rehabilitative programming so they never return to county custody.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports AB 58 vote and respectfully requests your AYE vote. If you have any questions and/or concerns about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Morimune, Legislative Advocate at rmorimune@counties.org.

cc: The Honorable Ash Kalra, California State Assembly