The below information are summaries only of Government Codes pertaining to the rules of Discharge of Accountability and are provided for quick-reference only. Each statute should be read and followed in its entirety, and not the below information.

GC 25257. Establish process: Court and County responsibilities

GC 25258. Application inclusion requirements (also included in 25259.8)

GC 25259.

- Order may be made discharging the department from further accountability, but not the debtor from liability for payment of any amount.
- Report notice requirements after Order/approval of discharge
- Report inclusion requirements

GC 25259.5. The board of supervisors may, by resolution, authorize and designate the county auditor to exercise the powers set forth in Sections 25257 through 25259.

GC 25259.7.

- Any collection program that is operated by a court (by a written agreement between the county and the court) may apply to the presiding judge for discharge from accountability…
- If the county is responsible for collecting court-ordered debt or bail, the county may transfer responsibility for discharging court-ordered debt or bail to the court by written agreement.

GC 25259.8. (also included in 25258)

Application under Section 25259.7 inclusion requirements

- Amount
- Name of debtor (unless prohibited by state or federal law)
- Estimated cost of collection, or a statement that the likelihood of collection does not warrant the expense involved.
- Additional information as deemed necessary by PJ
- Any other fact warranting the discharge
- Verification that the facts stated in the application are true and correct, which may be made on information and belief.

GC 25259.9.

- Authorizes PJ to make Order per GC 25259.
  - Order may be made discharging the department from further accountability, but not the debtor from liability for payment of any amount.
  - Report notice requirements after Order/approval of discharge
    - Record of the discharge in the court case file discharged.
    - Online posting requirements
    - Report to the County (45 days after month end of when Order is made)
      - The report shall include for each debt discharged: the case number; whether the case is an infraction, misdemeanor, or felony; the amount of the debt discharged; and the number of years since the debt became delinquent.

GC 25259.95. The presiding judge may authorize and designate another judge in the court to exercise the powers of the presiding judge set forth in Sections 25259.7, 25259.8, and 25259.9.