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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

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Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Time: 4:30 P.M.

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Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the indicated order.

OPEN MEETING (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(1))

This meeting will be conducted by electronic means with a listen only conference line available for the public. As such, public may submit comments for this meeting only in writing. In accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(k)(1), written comments pertaining to any agenda item of a regularly noticed open meeting can be submitted up to one complete business day before the meeting. For this specific meeting, comments should be e-mailed to LegislationCommittee@jud.ca.gov or mailed or delivered to 520 Capitol Mall, Suite 600 Sacramento, CA 95814, attention: Tracy Kenny. Only written comments received by 12:00 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2025, will be provided to advisory body members prior to the start of the meeting.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Item 1

PROPOSALS FOR JUDICIAL COUNCIL-SPONSORED LEGISLATION (ACTION REQUIRED)

a) Invitation To Comment: Appointment of Non-Court Certified American Sign Language Interpreters with Generalist Credentials (Action Required)

The Court Interpreters Advisory Panel recommends that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation amending Evidence Code section 754 to allow courts, for good cause, to appoint American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters who possess a generalist ASL credential and satisfy training, education, and experience requirements approved by the Judicial Council, under a provisional qualification process similar to that for spoken language court interpreters. These amendments seek to address the limited availability of certified ASL court interpreters while ensuring continued language access for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. The proposal also includes revisions to statutory language to modernize terminology and clarify the Judicial Council's role in maintaining a roster of qualified interpreters.

Presenter(s): Morgan Lardizabal, Legislative Advocate, Governmental Affairs

Eunice Lee, Supervising Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

b) Invitation To Comment: Alternative Methods for Family Courts to Give Notice of Child Custody Mediation (Action Required)

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to amend Family Code section 3176 to allow for alternative methods for the court to give notice to the parties about child custody mediation and require specific content in the notice for cases involving domestic violence. The proposal originates from a group of Family Court Services directors across the state seeking to modernize the procedures for providing notice of child custody mediation by more cost-effective methods, including electronic delivery.

Presenter(s): Tracy Kenny, Supervising Attorney, Governmental Affairs

Gabrielle Selden, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

c) Invitation To Comment: Amendments to Collections-related Statutes (Action Required)
The Judicial Branch Budget Committee proposes amendments to court collections related
statutes. The amendments clarify responsibilities for performing authorized collection activities
and are intended to improve compliance with collections reporting requirements. The proposed
amendments to Government Code section 68514 would change the existing requirement to
report by collection activity to instead require reporting by collection entity. The proposed
amendments to Penal Code section 1463.007 are primarily technical amendments that will help

Presenter(s): Morgan Lardizabal, Legislative Advocate, Governmental Affairs

Maria Lira, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Budget Services

Don Lowrie, Fiscal Analyst, Budget Services

clarify collection requirements and to update terminology to reflect current practices.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Closed Session

V. CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(D))

Approval of Minutes

Approve minute(s) of the following Legislation Committee meeting(s):

March 20, 2025

Item 1 (Action Required)

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(d)(3). Negotiations concerning legislations.

Action on Pending Legislation

CONSENT:

- a) AB 741 (Ransom), as introduced, February 18, 2025, Department of Justice: child abuse reporting. (Tracy Kenny)
- b) AB 1099 (Bryan), as introduced, February 20, 2025, Developmental services: initial intake: assessment. (Tracy Kenny)
- c) AB 1375 (Hoover), as introduced, February 21, 2025, Consideration when determining child custody: human trafficking. (Tracy Kenny)

DISCUSSION:

- d) AB 579 (Castillo), as introduced, February 12, 2025, Yaeli's Law. (Tracy Kenny)
- e) AB 792 (Lee), as introduced, February 18, 2025, Court interpreters. (Cory Jasperson / Morgan Lardizabal)
- f) AB 882 (Papan), as introduced, February 19, 2025, Electronic court reporting. (Cory Jasperson / Morgan Lardizabal)
- g) AB 1084 (Zbur), as introduced, February 20, 2025, Change of name and gender and sex identifier. (Tracy Kenny)
- h) <u>SB 59</u> (Wiener), as amended March 20, 2025, Change of gender and sex identifier. (Heather Resetarits)

A Legislation Committee member who wishes to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda is asked to please notify the Governmental Affairs advocate on that item at least 48 hours before the meeting at 916-323-3121

Adjourn Closed Session