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Hon. Mark Stone Member of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 5155 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 1441 (Stone), as amended March 19, 2014 - Support

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Judicial Council supports AB 1441, which requires local school districts to calculate and award either full or partial academic credit to foster youth who transition between schools for work done that achieved a grade of D or higher.

The council supports AB 1441 because it is favorable to foster children and encourages that steps be taken towards uniformity across school districts. The bill continues the longstanding policy of the council supporting efforts to assist foster children in completing their education and is also consistent with the council's support for measures to reduce truancy, support which culminated in the "Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court" summit held on December 4, 2013.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1441.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor