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August 8, 2013

Hon. Kevin de León, Chair Senate Appropriations Committee State Capitol, Room 5108 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 1131 (Skinner), as amended June 24, 2013 - Support

Hearing:

Senate Appropriations Committee – August 12, 2013

Dear Senator de León:

The Judicial Council supports AB 1131, which, among other things, requires that courts notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) about individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or who have been adjudicated to be mentally disordered sex offenders, within two court days of the finding, in an electronic format, in a manner prescribed by the DOJ.

The Judicial Council supports AB 1131 because it would change the requirement in existing law that courts notify the DOJ about these individual immediately to a more realistic time period of two court days, which still allows for timely reporting of the information to the DOJ. In addition, the council supports the requirement that courts notify the DOJ in an electronic format as is likely to make the notification process more efficient for the courts.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1131.

Sincerely,

Sharon Reilly
Senior Attorney

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Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

Hon. Nancy Skinner, Member of the Assembly

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September 18, 2013

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of California State Capitol, First Floor Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 1131 (Skinner) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council supports the provision in AB 1131, that requires that courts electronically notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) about individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or who have been adjudicated to be mentally disordered sex offenders, within two court days of the finding, in an electronic format, in a manner prescribed by the DOJ.

The Judicial Council supports AB 1131 because it changes the requirement in existing law that courts notify the DOJ about these individual immediately to a more realistic time period of two court days, which still allows for timely reporting of the information to the DOJ. In addition, the council supports the requirement that courts notify the DOJ in an electronic format as it is likely to make the notification process more efficient for the courts.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1131.

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Sincerely,

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