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March 7, 2014

Hon. Katcho Achadjian  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4098  
Sacramento, California 95814

Hon. Adam Gray  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6012  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1591 (Achadjian), as introduced – Support, if amended and funded  
Hearing: Assembly Public Safety Committee – March 11, 2014

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian and Assembly Member Gray:

The Judicial Council supports, if amended and funded, AB 1591, which requires that courts notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) about individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by reason of insanity, a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or a mentally disordered sex offender within 24 hours instead of two days of the finding in an electronic format, in a manner prescribed by the DOJ.

The council supports the bill, if it is amended, to require courts to report, within *one court day* of adjudication, individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by reason of insanity, a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or a mentally disordered sex offender provided the bill contains a specific appropriation to cover

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the courts' costs of implementation. The council believes that 24 hours is an unrealistic timeframe because most often minutes of the proceedings and other relevant court records are not available for processing within 24 hours. Because courts, unlike hospitals, are not open on evenings and weekends, courts will need to pay employees overtime to work evenings and on weekends to meet this requirement.

The council supports the bill if funded because most often the relevant court records are not normally available for processing within 24 hours. To meet a *one court day* reporting requirement, courts would be required to change existing processes and devote more staff time during regular business hours to prepare relevant court records. With current and ongoing limitations on court budgets and reduced staffing, even the *one court day* requirement likely will require courts to pay overtime to meet the requirements.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1591, if amended and funded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Reilly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sharon Reilly  
Senior Attorney

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cc: Hon. Nancy Skinner, Member of the Assembly  
Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor



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May 1, 2014

Hon. Loni Hancock, Chair  
Senate Public Safety Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2082  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1591 (Achadjian), as introduced – Support, if amended and funded  
Hearing: Senate Public Safety Committee – May 13, 2014

Dear Senator Hancock:

The Judicial Council supports, if amended and funded, AB 1591, which requires that courts notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) about individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by reason of insanity, a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or a mentally disordered sex offender within 24 hours instead of two days of the finding in an electronic format, in a manner prescribed by the DOJ.

The council supports the bill, if it is amended, to require courts to report, within *one court day* of adjudication, individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by reason of insanity, a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or a mentally disordered sex offender provided the bill contains a specific appropriation to cover the courts' costs of implementation. The council believes that 24 hours is an unrealistic timeframe because most often minutes of the proceedings and other relevant court records are not available for processing within 24 hours. Because courts, unlike hospitals, are not open on evenings and weekends, courts will need to pay employees overtime to work evenings and on weekends to meet this requirement.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1591, if amended and funded.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Reilly  
Senior Attorney

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cc: Members, Senate Public Safety Committee  
Hon. Katcho Achadjian, Member of the Assembly  
Ms. Jessica Devencenzi, Counsel, Senate Public Safety Committee  
Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor  
Mr. Eric Csizmar, Consultant, Senate Republican Office of Policy



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June 20, 2014

Hon. Katcho Achadjian  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4098  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1591 (Achadjian), as amended May 20, 2014 - Support

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian:

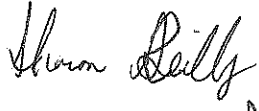
The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1591, which requires that courts notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) about individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by reason of insanity, a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or a mentally disordered sex offender within *one court day* of the finding in an electronic format, in a manner prescribed by the DOJ. The council appreciates your willingness to accept our request to change “24 hours” to “one court day.”

The council is sensitive to the need for courts to report this important information to DOJ in a timely manner. By permitting courts to do so within one court day, the current version of AB 1591 should, in most instances, eliminate the need for court staff to work overtime on weekends to make these important reports. Moreover, the council believes that the DOJ’s recent rollout of an electronic reporting system for the courts should further reduce the burdens on courts when reporting to DOJ.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1591.

Sincerely,



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



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July 9, 2014

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

Subject: AB 1591 (Achadjian), as amended May 20, 2014 – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1591, which requires that courts notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) about individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by reason of insanity, a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or a mentally disordered sex offender within *one court day* of the finding in an electronic format, in a manner prescribed by the DOJ.

The council is sensitive to the need for courts to report this important information to DOJ in a timely manner. By permitting courts to do so within one court day instead of 24 hours, AB 1591 should, in most instances, eliminate the need for court staff to work overtime on weekends to make these important reports to the DOJ. Moreover, the council believes that the DOJ's recent rollout of an electronic reporting system for the courts should further reduce the burdens on courts when reporting to DOJ.

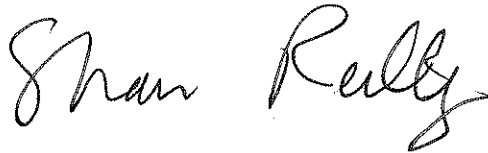
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1591.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sharon Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Sharon" is written with a large, looped 'S', and the last name "Reilly" is written with a large, looped 'R' and a trailing flourish.

Sharon Reilly  
Senior Attorney

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cc: Hon. Katcho Achadjian, Member of the Assembly

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