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**SB-339 Veterans treatment courts: Judicial Council assessment and survey.** (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 339**

**Introduced by Senator Roth**

**(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Cervantes and Mathis)**

**(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Atkins, Fuller, Newman, and Nguyen)**

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chávez, Cooper, Mullin, ~~and Quirk~~ Quirk, and Cristina Garcia)**

**February 14, 2017**

An act to add and repeal Section 68530 of the Government Code, relating to ~~courts, and making an appropriation therefor.~~ *courts.*

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 339, as amended, Roth. Veterans treatment courts: Judicial Council assessment and survey.

Existing law establishes a statewide system of courts with a superior court of one or more judges in each county. Existing law authorizes the Judicial Council to prescribe the methods, means, and standards for electronic collection of data related to court administration, practice, and procedure.

This bill would require the Judicial Council, if certain funding is provided, to report to the Legislature, on or before June 1, 2020, on a study of veterans and veterans treatment courts that includes a statewide assessment, as specified, of veterans treatment courts currently in operation and a survey of counties that do not operate veterans treatment courts that identifies barriers to program implementation and assesses the need for veterans treatment courts in those counties. ~~The bill would create the Veterans Court Assessment Fund in the State Treasury, administered by the Judicial Council, and would authorize the fund to accept private donations, as specified.~~ The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2021.

~~This bill would appropriate \$200,000 from the Veterans Court Assessment Fund to the Judicial Council for the purpose of conducting the study and report described above if that amount is deposited into the fund and at least \$100,000 of those moneys are donated funds directed to that same purpose. By providing for an appropriation from the fund to the Judicial Council in this manner, the bill would make an appropriation. The bill~~

~~would require the Judicial Council to return any donated funds, in an amount equal to the donation, if \$200,000 is not appropriated on or before June 1, 2020.~~

Vote: ~~two-thirds~~majority Appropriation: ~~yes~~no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 68530 is added to the Government Code, to read:

**68530.** (a) If the Judicial Council receives funds for the purpose of implementing this section, the Judicial Council shall do all of the following:

(1) Conduct a study of veterans and veterans treatment courts that includes all of the following:

(A) A statewide assessment of the veterans treatment courts currently in operation that includes the number of veteran participants in the program, services available, and program outcomes, including successful completion or program terminations. The assessment shall evaluate the impact of a sample of veterans treatment courts on participant outcomes, including, but not limited to, program recidivism, mental health, homelessness, employment, social stability, and substance abuse.

(B) A survey of counties that do not operate veterans treatment courts that identifies barriers to program implementation and assesses the need for veterans treatment courts in those jurisdictions based on the veterans services available and the estimated number of veterans involved in the local criminal justice system. The survey shall identify alternative resources that may be available to veterans, such as community courts or other collaborative justice courts.

(2) On or before June 1, 2020, report to the Legislature on the results of the study described in paragraph (1). The report shall include recommendations regarding the expansion of veterans treatment courts or services to counties without veterans treatment courts and shall explore the feasibility of designing regional model veterans treatment courts through the use of service coordination or technological resources. The report shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795.

~~(b) At least 50 percent of the funds required for the study and report described in this section shall be funded by private sources.~~

~~(c) The Veterans Court Assessment Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury. The fund shall be administered by the Judicial Council. The fund may accept private donations from entities and individuals. The Judicial Council shall deposit the donations into the fund.~~

~~(d)~~

~~(b)~~ This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2021, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2021, deletes or extends that date.

~~SEC. 2. If the funds described in Section 3 of this act are not appropriated on or before June 1, 2020, the Judicial Council shall return any funds donated to the Veterans Court Assessment Fund or donated for the purpose of carrying out the study and report described in Section 68530 of the Government Code to the entity or individual who made the donation in an amount equal to the donation.~~

~~SEC. 3. If a total sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is deposited into the Veterans Court Assessment Fund for the purpose of conducting the study and report described in Section 68530 of the Government Code, of which at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) are donated funds directed to that same purpose, then the two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is appropriated from the Veterans Court Assessment Fund to the Judicial Council for the purpose of conducting the study and report described in Section 68530 of the Government Code.~~

REVISIONS:

Heading-Line 5.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

December 19–20, 2017 • Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Diego

<b>Monday, December 18</b>	
7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Pre-Con Training/Meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieving Continuum of Care Reform Through the Quality Parenting Initiative: A Convening of Juvenile Court, Child Welfare and Probation Leadership (Invitation Only)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juvenile Dependency Law &amp; Process (pt. 1)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizing Youth in Practice: Juvenile Delinquency Defense</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'm a Human Trafficking Victim! The New Penal Code Section 236.23 Affirmative Defense (Judicial Officers Only)</li> </ul>
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handling U-Visa and T-Visa Certification Requests: Tackling the Basics and Advanced Issues (Judicial Officers Only)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to Make Victims of Crime Feel Heard in the Court Process Without Compromising Neutrality (Judicial Officers Only)</li> </ul>
3:00-3:15pm	Break
<b>Tuesday, December 19</b>	
7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. -8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Pre-Conference Attendees Only)
8:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Pre-Con Training/Meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuum of Care Reform in CA: Overview and Implications for Local Court Partners</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juvenile Dependency Law &amp; Process (pt. 2)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marsy's Law</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promising and Cutting Edge Brain Science to Reduce Implicit Bias in Decision-Making</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Poverty Simulation</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 10 Ethics Issues for Juvenile and Family Court Judges (Judicial Officers Only)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usable and User-Friendly Services</li> </ul>
8:30 a.m.-5:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Track</li> </ul>
10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Welcome & Plenary
<b>1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Concurrent Workshops 1</b>
1A	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Youthful Offender Program
1B	College Resources and Support for Foster Youth: Turning Dreams Into Degrees
1C	Delinquency Legal Update
1D	Domestic Violence in Dependency Court: What Judges and Attorneys Should Know
1E	Indian Child Welfare Act (non) Compliance in California – Current Obstacles and Finding a Path Forward
1F	Lessons from Los Angeles' 18 and Up Court: Navigating the NMD Process and Serving Transition Aged Youth
1G	Multidisciplinary Overview of Psychotropic Medication for Children and Youth in Foster Care and Out of Home Placements
1H	Probate Guardianships 101
1I	Safety Organized Practice: Deepening Collaboration Between Court Partners and Child Welfare
1J	Seeing the Invisible - Identifying and Meeting the Legal Needs of Youth Experiencing Homelessness
1K	Using Civic Learning to Create Positive Outcomes for Youth
1L	What to Do When Judicial Misconduct Impacts Your Clients or Self-Represented Litigants
1M	Youth Track
2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Break

**3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Concurrent Workshops 2**

- 2A Collateral Consequences of Fines and Fees on Adults, Juveniles and Their Families
- 2B Drug Courts: Where Will We Be In Ten Years?
- 2C Eliminating Racial Disproportionality in School Discipline
- 2D Engaging Youth and Families in Court: How Effective Communication Can Motivate Change
- 2E From Criminals to Victims: Los Angeles' Evolving Response to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children
- 2F Human Centered Design: Designing for Our Court User's Experiences
- 2G Improving Outcomes for Dual Status Youth
- 2H Rapid Response Needed: Ensuring Access to Justice for Immigrant Families
- 2I Recognizing the Needs of Multi-Racial Children and Families in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems: A Social Work/Policy, Medical, and Legal Perspective
- 2J Reducing Unplanned Pregnancy for Youth in Foster Care: New Rules and Tools
- 2K Staying Safe: Housing Rights and Challenges for Domestic Violence Victims
- 2L The Devil in the Details: Race and the Use of Algorithms to Guide Decision-Making
- 2M What Were They Thinking?! The Nuts and Bolts of Adolescent Brain Development

4:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Break

4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Plenary

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Film: Tribal Justice

**Wednesday, December 20**

7:00 a.m.

Registration

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Morning Plenary

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

Break

9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

**Concurrent Workshops 3**

- 3A Collaborative Courts Self Assessments: The Key to Survival
- 3B Ending D.V.: Treating People Who Hurt Other People
- 3C Ensuring Equity and Protection for LGBTQ Youth in Juvenile Court
- 3D **Evolving Knowledge of the Implications of Extending Foster Care to Young Adults**
- 3E Foster/Probation Education Toolkit for Professionals in Dependency and Delinquency Systems
- 3F Immigration Law for Dependency Attorneys
- 3G Invisible Wounds: How Military Sexual Trauma Affects Family Life
- 3H Juvenile Records under WIC 827 and Related Laws: What Can You Get and To Whom Can you Tell?"
- 3I Medication Assisted Substance Abuse Treatment: What Judicial and Court Personnel Need to Know
- 3J New Federal Indian Child Welfare Act Regulations and Guidelines: Changes for California Law and Practice
- 3K Partnerships for Serving People and Families Impacted by Incarceration
- 3L The Case of Kalief Browder: Continuing the Conversation on Race and the Justice System
- 3M What to Do When a Youth May Be Incompetent

10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Concurrent Workshops 4**

- 4A Dependency Legal Update
- 4B DJJ and Probation Collaboration to Foster Successful Youth Reentry Into Their Communities
- 4C From Punishment to Prevention: Ending Youth Incarceration and Investing in Youth Development
- 4D Helping Youth Overcome Barriers to Reentry: The Power of Juvenile Defenders and Legal Aid Attorneys Joining Forces
- 4E Human Centered Design: Taking Design to the Next Level
- 4F Making the Invisible Visible: Victim and Victim Rights
- 4G Moving Towards Trauma Responsive Practice in Treatment Court Teams

12:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

**2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

- 4H Reducing Racial & Ethnic Disparity in Juvenile Justice Through Court Appointed Advocacy and Interagency Collaboration
  - 4I Sealing Juvenile Offense Records-- Policy Update and Challenges for Practitioners
  - 4J Special Education 101: Early Intervention and Special Education Rights
  - 4K Stepping-Up Initiative: Addressing Housing Needs for Individuals with Co-occurring Disorders or Involvement in the Criminal Justice System
  - 4L Trafficking & Tribal Communities
  - 4M Victims of Sexual Assault and the Effects of Untreated Trauma
- Lunch/Plenary  
Break

#### **Concurrent Workshops 5**

- 4A From Vision to Reality: Achieving the Vision of the Continuum of Care Reform Through Engagement, Recruitment and Support of Family... Especially Kin
- 5B Hispanics and Latinos in Drug Courts: Cultural Strategies to Enhance and Sustain Recovery
- 5C Intersection of Ethics and Due Process in Child Welfare Cases
- 5D Legalized Weed: What it Means for California
- 5E Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Questioning, Gender Nonconforming and Transgender Youth in California's Juvenile Justice System
- 5F Opioid Addiction & Drug of Choice: Shifting Priorities and Resources
- 5G Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: An Overview Emphasizing Recent Developments
- 5H The Changing Landscape of Juvenile Transfer in the Wake of Proposition 57
- 5I Why Don't They Leave?: Understanding Why Domestic Violence Victims Stay
- 5J Wielding the Sword in the Battle to Educate Juvenile System Youth