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June 9, 2026

Hon. Sasha Renée Pérez  
Chair, Senate Education Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 2100  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2524 (Gipson), as amended June 8, 2026 – Remove opposition  
Hearing: Senate Education Committee – June 17, 2026

Dear Senator Pérez:

I am pleased to inform you that with the June 8th amendments, the Judicial Council is removing its opposition to Assembly Bill 2524 (Gipson), which authorizes a work permit to be issued by a child welfare agency or probation department to minors who are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and is currently neutral on the bill.

The council appreciates the merit of the underlying objective of the bill to ensure that youth subject to juvenile court jurisdiction have an opportunity to seek gainful employment when it benefits their rehabilitation, and appreciates the recent amendments allowing the child welfare agency or probation department, rather than the court, to authorize a youth in foster care or within the juvenile justice system to work when it is in the youth's best interest.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is no longer opposed to Assembly Bill 2524 and appreciates the amendments taken by the author to address our concerns about separation of powers and the proper allocation of this administrative function.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Tracy Kenny at 916-323-3121.

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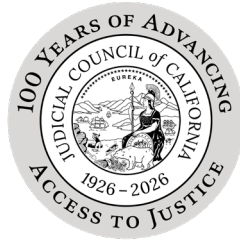
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Hon. Mike A. Gipson, Assembly Member, 65th District  
Mr. Ian Johnson, Principal Consultant, Senate Education Committee  
Mr. Christopher Hernandez, Legislative Assistant, Office of Assembly Member Gipson  
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Chair, Senate Education Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 2100  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2524 (Gipson), as amended April 27, 2026 – Oppose unless amended,  
neutral if amended.

Hearing: Senate Education Committee – June 17, 2026

Dear Senator Pérez:

I regret to inform you that the Judicial Council has taken an oppose unless amended position on Assembly Bill 2524 (Gipson), which authorizes a work permit to be issued by a juvenile court to minors who are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court because it would delegate to the court a duty that is not judicial in nature and should be undertaken by an executive branch entity. Under current law, the authority to grant a work permit to a minor is provided to educational institutions only, and as recently amended, AB 2524 retains the primary role of schools in exercising this authority by giving the school district, charter school, or private school the power to unilaterally revoke a work permit issued by a judicial officer.

The council appreciates the merit of the underlying objective of the bill to ensure that youth subject to juvenile court jurisdiction have an opportunity to seek gainful employment when it benefits their rehabilitation, but does not believe that directing the court to take in this workload is the appropriate or most effective way to address this challenge. One alternative option might be to provide the authority to grant a work permit to the youth's probation or child welfare case worker. The case worker is more informed about the specific situation of the youth at the point they are seeking permission to work and thus in the best position to determine whether a work permit should be issued. Such an approach would also be more responsive to the needs of the youth as it would not be dependent on getting time on crowded court calendars before obtaining authorization to work.

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Ensuring that the judicial branch is an independent, separate, and co-equal branch of state government is one of the key strategic goals of the council. Without the proposed amendments, AB 2524 would undermine that goal by placing the juvenile court in an executive role and then subjugating its authority to another branch.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council opposes AB 2524 unless it is amended to remove this conflict and place this authority with an appropriate executive branch entity. We appreciate the productive conversations that we have had with the author's office and hope that they will result in amendments that will allow us to remove our opposition.

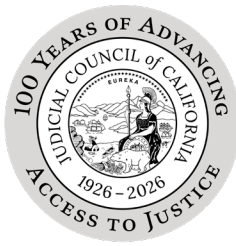
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Sincerely

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May 19, 2026

Hon. Mike A. Gipson  
Member of the Assembly, District 65  
1021 O Street, Suite 6210  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2524 (Gipson), as amended April 27, 2026 – Oppose unless amended,  
neutral if amended

Dear Assembly Member Gipson:

I regret to inform you that the Judicial Council has taken an oppose unless amended position on Assembly Bill 2524 (Gipson), which authorizes a work permit to be issued by a juvenile court to minors who are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court because it would delegate to the court a duty that is not judicial in nature and should be undertaken by an executive branch entity. Under current law, the authority to grant a minor a work permit is provided to educational institutions only, and as recently amended, AB 2524 retains the primary role of schools in exercising this authority by giving the school district, charter school, or private school the power to unilaterally revoke a work permit issued by a judicial officer.

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Another approach might be to provide clearer statutory direction to schools to evaluate the request for a work permit from a youth who is under juvenile court jurisdiction using modified criteria. Education Code section 49120 provides that a work permit “shall not be denied on the basis of a pupil’s grades, grade point average, or school attendance if the pupil is applying for the work permit in order to participate in a government-administered employment and training program that will occur during the regular summer recess or vacation of the school that the pupil attends.” A similar provision might be included for youth who are in the foster care and juvenile justice systems to prohibit denial of a work permit for grades or attendance when the work permit is to allow work that will further the youth’s case plan or rehabilitation. Such an approach would address the problem identified with current law and practice without creating a separation of powers issue or granting executive branch personnel the authority to abrogate a judicial action.

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