

GOVERNOR'S VETO
AB 1210 (Lackey)
As Enrolled September 16, 2025
2/3 vote

SUMMARY

Increases the notice required by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to a county probation department prior to the discharge of a person on postrelease community supervision (PRCS) from 30 days to no later than 90 days.

Senate Amendments changed the proposed period within which CDCR must provide notice to county probation departments of a person's discharge on PRCS from 165 days to 90 days.

Governor's Veto Message

This bill requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to notify a county probation department 90 days prior to the discharge of a person on post-release community supervision, instead of 30 days prior.

While well-intentioned, the practical implications of this bill would result in significant, ongoing costs to the state with limited benefit to public safety. There are numerous factors that trigger recalculations of an incarcerated person's release date, such as changes in workgroup assignments, program credit earnings, credit losses or restorations, and modifications to sentencing terms or case credits. Any one of these factors could lead to changes to the incarcerated person's release date, thereby triggering multiple recurring notifications to a county prior to the individual's release. Additionally, the requirements of this bill would result in significant impacts on the General Fund not included in the 2025 Budget Act.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

"Probation departments recognize the importance of early, timely, and robust reentry planning prior to release. Currently, statute requires CDCR to provide to county probation departments information on a person that will be released to PRCS 30 days prior to release. However, there are current agreements for CDCR to provide this information no less than 165 days. This bill would codify this timeline for the sharing of information from CDCR to probation departments to ensure that county probation can plan, prepare and coordinate reentry services prior to release."

Arguments in Support

According to the *Chief Probation Officers of California* (CPOC), the bill's sponsor: "In 2011, AB 109 enacted Public Safety Realignment which, among other things, transferred responsibility for post-release supervision from the state to county probation departments by creating a new category of supervision called Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

"Probation departments and officers are highly skilled and trained professionals who balance accountability with rehabilitation to safely supervise those in the justice system and support their successful reentry. Probation supervises and connects people to critical resources like workforce development, mental health services, and education while using evidence-based strategies to change behavior.

"Probation recognizes the importance of early, timely, and robust reentry planning prior to release. Currently, statute requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to provide to county probation departments information on a person that will be released to PRCS 30 days prior to release. However, there are current agreements for CDCR to provide this information no less than 165 days. This bill would codify this timeline for the sharing of information from CDCR to probation departments to ensure that county probation can plan, prepare and coordinate reentry services prior to release.

"Further, to reflect important process changes resulting from the implementation of CalAIM, this bill would require CDCR to provide to county probation departments the contact information for the ECM for the person being released to ensure coordination of services for the reentry work."

Arguments in Opposition

None submitted.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee:

- 1) CDCR anticipates that it would incur significant ongoing costs (General Fund) likely totaling several million dollars annually to modify its current processes in order to comply with the provisions of this bill. CDCR releases approximately 30,000 people annually, of which 47% are generally released to Postrelease Community Supervision (PRCS).

CDCR would need to extend its current notification period from 30 days to 90 days for providing written and verbal notice of scheduled release dates for individuals released under PRCS. Numerous factors such as changes in workgroup assignments, program credit earnings, credit losses or restorations, and modifications to sentencing terms or case credits can trigger recalculations of release dates. These factors could lead to regular changes to the incarcerated person's release date, thereby triggering multiple recurring notifications to a county prior to the individual's release. To meet this bill's proposed notification timeframes, CDCR may have an increase in workload for its Case Records staff, necessitating the creation of several additional permanent positions.

CDCR further anticipates considerable overtime expenses, potentially in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, to continually recalculate release dates for several thousands of incarcerated individuals to ensure timely provision of information as required under the

bill. Additional costs are expected for managing notifications related to CalAIM integration with local reentry service delivery and court-order conditions, which may also require hiring additional staff to facilitate the case management process. Finally, CDCR would likely incur costs related to developing coordinated plans for the release and transport of individuals whose current county of residence differs from their county of last legal residence. Depending on whether the plan requires CDCR to transport an individual on PRCS to the appropriate county, there could be significant costs associated with the transport of these individuals, particularly for overtime of transport custody staff.

- 2) Costs (local funds, General Fund) of an unknown but potentially significant amount to county probation departments to coordinate out-of-county placements with CDCR. Although these duties are mandated by the state, they are not reimbursable but are subject to Proposition 30 (2012). Under Proposition 30, legislation enacted after September 30, 2012, that has an overall effect of increasing the costs already borne by a local agency for programs or levels of service mandated by realignment applies to local agencies only to the extent the state provides annual funding for the cost increase.

VOTES

ASM PUBLIC SAFETY: 9-0-0

YES: Schultz, Alanis, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Lackey, Nguyen, Ramos, Sharp-Collins

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Elhawary, Fong, Mark González, Hart, Pacheco, Pellerin, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Sanchez

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 78-0-1

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

ABS, ABST OR NV: Lee

SENATE FLOOR: 40-0-0

YES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNERney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Reyes, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 73-1-6

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO: Schultz

ABS, ABST OR NV: Elhawary, Garcia, Jackson, Lee, McKinnor, Ta

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