

## CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

CSA1 Bill Id:AB 1258 Author:(Kalra)

As Amended Ver:August 26, 2025

Majority vote

**SUMMARY**

Extends the Deferred entry of judgment pilot program, for the Counties of Butte, Nevada, and Santa Clara, to January 1, 2029, and would require an evaluation of the pilot program's impact and effectiveness in their county to be submitted to the Assembly and Senate Committees on Public Safety no later than December 31, 2027.

**Senate Amendments**

- 1) Shift responsibility for reviewing compliance of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 from the Board of State and Community Corrections to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration.
- 2) Require the Office of Youth and Community Restoration to communicate the results of any review to the Board within 30 days after the review is complete.

**COMMENTS**

As passed by the Assembly: This bill extended the Deferred entry of judgment pilot program, for the Counties of Butte, Nevada, and Santa Clara, to January 1, 2029, and would require an evaluation of the pilot program's impact and effectiveness in their county to be submitted to the Assembly and Senate Committees on Public Safety no later than December 31, 2027.

**According to the Author**

"Studies have shown that young adults between the ages of 18-25 are still undergoing significant brain development and developing their decision-making skills. To that extent, although these individuals are legal adults, they could be better serviced by the juvenile justice system where they would receive age-appropriate services as opposed to rehabilitation in an adult facility.

"AB 1258 would extend the sunset date until January 1, 2029, for Santa Clara County to continue offering age-appropriate services for offenders between the ages of 18 and 25 through the Young Adult Deferred Entry Judgement Program. This program has been shown to have a positive impact on young adults as an alternative to adult incarceration. Extending the sunset to continue this program will allow transitional-age youth to receive supportive services geared toward them."

**Arguments in Support**

According to the *California Judges Association (CJA)*, "AB 1258 extends the sunset date of the Deferred Entry of Judgment Pilot Program (DEJPP) from January 1, 2026, until January 1, 2029. DEJPP has been in place since 2016 in the counties of Alameda, Butte, Napa, Nevada, Santa Clara, and Ventura. AB 1258 would extend the sunset dates for Butte, Nevada, and Santa Clara County to January 1, 2029. This bill allows young adults between the ages of 18 – 25, who meet specific criteria, to participate in a deferred entry program with the approval of a multidisciplinary team established by this bill. This allows these young adults with access to age appropriate services, such as mental health, vocational, educational, and reentry services.

Individuals convicted of violent crimes, sex offenses, or other serious felonies are excluded from participation.

"Young adults who complete the program would be eligible to have their charge(s) dropped and have access to housing, employment, and education reentry services to combat recidivism and ensure they are given the best chance to succeed post-incarceration. However, failure to comply or committing a new crime could result in entry of judgment and a transfer to county jail. Program efficacy will be determined through participating county's data collection submitted by December 31, 2027, to the Division of Recidivism Reduction and Re-Entry within the Department of Justice.

"AB 1258 promotes public safety by prioritizing evidence-based rehabilitation over punitive measures. Research has consistently shown that young adults who receive appropriate services tailored to their needs are less likely to reoffend, making communities safer in the long run. The inclusion of risk assessment tools ensures that only those who demonstrate the ability to benefit from the program are admitted, balancing accountability with the opportunity for positive change."

### **Arguments in Opposition**

None on file.

### **FISCAL COMMENTS**

According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, "No significant state costs.

"Regardless, consistent with Appropriations Committee rules and practice, this bill is eligible for placement on the suspense file because it has the primary purpose of extending a pilot program."

### **VOTES:**

#### **ASM PUBLIC SAFETY: 7-0-2**

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

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Lackey, Nguyen

#### **ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 11-1-3**

**YES:** Wicks, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Elhawary, Fong, Mark González, Hart, Pacheco, Pellerin, Solache

**NO:** Tangipa

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Sanchez, Dixon, Ta

#### **ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 61-13-5**

**YES:** Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Connolly, Elhawary, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lee, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

**NO:** Castillo, Chen, Davies, DeMaio, Ellis, Flora, Gallagher, Hadwick, Hoover, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Tangipa

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Bains, Dixon, Lackey, Blanca Rubio, Ta

**SENATE FLOOR: 32-8-0**

**YES:** Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Reyes, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

**NO:** Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

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