
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1646 (Bryan) - Juvenile facilities: visitation

Version: June 25, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: PUB. S. 5 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: AB 1646, the Hug Act, would add the right to engage in certain types of consensual physical contact with visitors during in-person visits to the Youth Bill of Rights and would establish requirements for the provision of this right.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Likely major costs to county probation departments to provide the right to consensual physical contact in juvenile facilities. Expanded physical contact allowances and the requirement that such contact shall be permitted during in person visits may require operational adjustments to maintain institutional safety and security. These costs, possibly reimbursable by the state could be both major at the local level (Los Angeles County is estimating up to \$1 million annually) and greater in the aggregate statewide. Costs will depend on whether the duties imposed by this bill constitute a reimbursable state mandate, as determined by the Commission on State Mandates. (General Fund).

Committee Amendments: Remove the statutory right to engage in consensual physical contact.

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