
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1816 (Davies) - Probation: duration

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 4 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: AB 1816 would, for an offender required to register as a sex offender, authorize the court to order the term of probation to continue for a period not exceeding one year upon a finding and filing by the probation department.

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

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

Fiscal Impact: Unknown costs to the counties if an extended term of probation is imposed. Formal (felony) probation generally involves strict conditions, regular check-ins, drug testing, counseling, community services and fees. Informal (summary) probation is lighter supervision and often only requires compliance with court terms. The average annual cost for all forms of probation is an estimated \$20,000 to \$40,000 annually compared to approximately \$78,000 for a year in county jail. In 2021 Los Angeles County budgeted \$1.3 billion for jail costs with \$90,000 per incarcerated person. Actual incarceration costs will depend on the number of convictions and the length of each sentence up to one year. Generally, county probation costs are not reimbursable state mandates pursuant to Proposition 30 (2012). However, increased local incarceration increases pressure to provide funding to alleviate jail overcrowding. (General Fund)

Potentially significant costs to the courts to adjudicate new petitions depending on unknowns, including the numbers of people charged and the factors unique to each case. An eight-hour court day costs approximately \$10,500 based on the hourly rate of court personnel including at minimum the judge, clerk, bailiff, court reporter, jury administrator, administrative staff, and jury per-diems. While the courts are not funded on a workload basis, an increase in workload could result in delayed court services and increase pressure to fund additional staff and resources. The FY 2026-27 Budget appropriated \$70 million General Fund for this purpose (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund).

Unknown, potentially minor costs to county probation departments for continued supervision of offenders whose probation is extended by up to one year under this bill. The bill's fiscal impact depends on the number of felony probationers with a Section 290(c) registration requirement whose probation departments petition for an extension. That figure is not tracked but is likely small given the narrow trigger: the probation department must file a petition, and the court must find that the defendant has not successfully completed probation and that additional time is necessary for programming. Probation supervision costs are borne by county general funds and are

potentially reimbursable as a state-mandated local program.

Author Amendments: Allow the court to consider the probationer's progress in treatment, compliance with other terms of supervision, and whether and extension serves the interests of public safety.

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