

Date of Hearing: August 5, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Buffy Wicks, Chair
SB 1427 (Committee on Public Safety) – As Amended May 5, 2026

Policy Committee: Public Safety

Vote: 9 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: Yes

SUMMARY:

This bill is the annual public safety omnibus bill, making technical and non-controversial changes to various criminal justice statutes.

More specifically, this bill:

- 1) Adds secure youth treatment facilities (SYTFs) within a juvenile hall to the list of juvenile facilities for which bringing in, or possessing while confined, specified contraband, including controlled substances, firearms, weapons, explosives, and tear gas, is a crime, and makes conforming changes reflecting the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice.
- 2) Clarifies that a court may order conservatorship proceedings for a defendant found incompetent to stand trial whose competence has not been restored where the defendant appears gravely disabled under either or both of the Lanterman-Petris-Short and Murphy conservatorship definitions.
- 3) Extends the requirement for an in-person or virtual interview of a firearm license applicant to all firearm license applications, while retaining the licensing authority's discretion to forgo the interview for renewals.
- 4) Expands the definition of "foreign corporation" for search warrant service purposes to include corporations transacting intrastate business that are not qualified to do business in this state, and provides that such corporations are properly served by any means reasonably calculated to give actual notice.
- 5) Removes the requirement that county boards of supervisors in sheriff-coroner counties annually select and enter into service agreements for in-custody death examinations, allowing long-term agreements.
- 6) Reorganizes annual reporting requirements for court-ordered debt collection activities to allow reporting by collection entity rather than by activity, and updates the list of permissible collection activities.
- 7) Includes a savings clause and makes other technical or corrective changes.

FISCAL EFFECT:

- 1) Minor, absorbable costs (General Fund (GF)) to the Judicial Council to implement revised court-ordered debt collection reporting requirements. The changes align reporting with current practices and authorities and may modestly reduce ongoing reporting workload.
- 2) Minor, likely absorbable local costs (local funds) to city and county licensing authorities to conduct in-person or virtual interviews for all firearm license applications. Licensing authorities may recover costs through existing licensing fees. Minor potential local savings from allowing counties to enter into long-term, rather than annual, service agreements for in-custody death examinations.
- 3) Potential minor local incarceration costs and court cost pressures (local funds, Trial Court Trust Fund, GF) associated with applying existing contraband offenses to SYTFs within a juvenile hall. Any resulting caseload is likely negligible.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

This is the annual public safety omnibus bill. The bill's provisions make only technical or minor substantive but non-controversial changes to the law, and there is no opposition by any member of the Legislature or recognized group to the proposal. This procedure has allowed for the introduction of fewer minor bills and has saved the Legislature time and expense over the years.

- 2) **Background.** Following the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice under SB 823 (Committee on Budget), Chapter 337, Statutes of 2020, youth adjudicated for specified serious or violent felonies may be committed to an SYTF, a secure custodial setting operated by county probation departments. This bill conforms the juvenile facility contraband statute and related provisions to that structure. The bill's remaining provisions clarify conservatorship referral authority for defendants found incompetent to stand trial, standardize the firearm license interview requirement, update search warrant service rules for corporations not qualified to do business in California, and streamline coroner contracting and court debt collection reporting.

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