
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 926 (Strickland) - Public safety: Funding of Proposition 36 Act

Version: April 23, 2026

Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: May 11, 2026

Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: SB 926, the Funding of Proposition 36 Act, would create the California Public Safety Services Support Fund.

Fiscal Impact: Very major annual cost pressure to fund Proposition 36 related activities (General Fund).

Background: The Homeless, Drug Addition, and Theft Reduction Act (2024) established by Proposition 36, increased criminal penalties for certain offenses, such as petty theft, property damage and drug possession.

The Treatment-Mandated Felony Act, established by Proposition 36, provides that a person who possesses a hard drug, as specified, with two or more convictions of specified drug crimes is guilty of a wobbler punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to a year or as a realigned felony. The act provides that a person who commits a second violation with two or more prior offenses is guilty of a wobbler punishable by up to one year in county jail or by imprisonment in state prison.

Existing law defines grand theft as theft of money, labor, real property, or personal property of a value exceeding \$950. Existing law defines grand theft as a wobbler, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or as a felony by imprisonment in the county jail for 16 months, two years, or three years.

Proposed Law: This bill, the Funding of Proposition 36 Act, would create the California Public Safety Services Support Fund to be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement Proposition 36. The bill would upon appropriation by the Legislature for the 2026–27 fiscal year require the funds to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections, as specified. The bill would also require, beginning in the 2027–28 fiscal year, the Governor to annually include a proposed transfer from the General Fund to the California Public Safety Services Support Fund of an amount sufficient to fund the ongoing administration of Proposition 36 as part of the Governor’s proposed budget to the Legislature.

Staff Comments: This bill does not contain an appropriation.