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Attention: **Sheriffs, Marshals, Chiefs, and Court Holding Facility Administrators**

INITIAL SURVEY OF COURT HOLDING FACILITIES – 2021

The federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A) was reauthorized in 2018. Among its key amendments, the JJDP A amended the federal definition of “jail or lockup for adults” to include court holding facilities. As a result, whereas court holding facilities were subject to the Separation requirement, such facilities must also comply with the Jail Removal Requirement, also known as the “six hour rule.” See survey for further information about the JJDP A requirements.

Per these federal changes, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) must annually survey each court holding facility to determine whether it will be holding minors in secure or nonsecure detention. The enclosed survey requests information relative to how your court holding facility detains minors and assists the BSCC in identifying its inspection responsibilities.¹

Please complete a survey for each court holding facility under your supervision and return it to BSCC no later than **October 31, 2021**. Your assistance in the completion of this annual survey and in identifying any facilities under your jurisdiction is greatly appreciated.

This letter, survey, and related forms can be downloaded from the BSCC website at: https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_fsoservices/, under the *Youth in Adult Detention Facilities* button. Thank you for your continued support of this process, should you or your staff have any questions regarding minors in detention, please contact your assigned Field Representative at (916) 445-5073 or the Compliance Monitor, Eloisa Tuitama, at eloisa.tuitama@bscc.ca.gov or (916) 445-5073.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

¹ The BSCC inspects local detention facilities biennially. Cal. Pen. Code § 6031(a) (2021). A “local detention facility” includes a court holding facility within a superior court that is operated by or supervised by personnel trained pursuant to Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations. Accordingly, court holding facilities are subject to Title 15 minimum standards. *Id.* at § 6031.4(d) (2021).