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Attention: **Presiding Juvenile Court Judges and Juvenile Justice Commission Chairs**

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 reauthorization 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 attachment for further information about the JJDP A requirements.

Per these federal changes, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) will survey each court holding facility to determine whether it will be holding minors in secure or nonsecure detention. These surveys have been distributed to the law enforcement agency responsible for your respective court security plans. For your convenience, enclosed is a copy of the survey. No action is needed from you or your department. The enclosed survey requests information relative to how your court holding facility detains minors and assists the BSCC in identifying its inspection responsibilities.

We have also enclosed a list of court holding facilities in your county. This list only includes facilities that hold minors in secure detention. Those facilities that do not hold minors in secure detention or are designated minor only courts are not included.

Additionally, if you learn of courts that do hold minors securely, if you have any questions regarding a particular facility, or other questions, please contact the JJDP A Compliance Monitor, Eloisa Tuitama, at eloisa.tuitama@bscc.ca.gov or (916) 445-5073.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures