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SB-823 Juvenile justice realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration. (2019-2020)

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SECTION 1. (a) Evidence has demonstrated that justice system-involved youth are more successful when they remain connected to their families and communities. Justice system-involved youth who remain in their communities have lower recidivism rates and are more prepared for their transition back into the community.

(b) To ensure that justice-involved youth are closer to their families and communities and receive age-appropriate treatment, it is necessary to close the Division of Juvenile Justice and move the jurisdiction of these youth to local county jurisdiction.

(c) Counties will receive funding to meet the needs of youth by providing and implementing public health approaches to support positive youth development, building the capacity of a continuum of community based approaches, and reducing crime by youth.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature and the administration that the youth firecamp at Pine Grove, whether through a state-local partnership, or other management arrangement, remain open and functioning to train justice-involved youth in wildland firefighting skills, and to retain the camp as a training resource for youth in California and create pipelines from Pine Grove to gainful employment.

(e) It is the intent of the Legislature and the administration for counties to use evidence-based and promising practices and programs that improve the outcomes of youth and public safety, reduce the transfer of youth into the adult criminal justice system, ensure that dispositions are in the least restrictive appropriate environment, reduce and then eliminate racial and ethnic disparities, and reduce the use of confinement in the juvenile justice system by utilizing community-based responses and interventions.

(f) It is the intent of the Legislature to end the practice of placing youth in custodial or confinement facilities that are operated by private entities whose primary business is the custodial confinement of adults or youth in a secure setting. It is further the intent of the Legislature to end placements of justice system-involved youth in out of state facilities that do not appropriately address the programming, service, safety, and other needs of placed youth once appropriate and sufficient capacity within California is achieved.

SEC. 2. Section 12803 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 38 of the Statutes of 2019, is amended to read:

12803. (a) The California Health and Human Services Agency consists of the following departments: Aging; Community Services and Development; Developmental Services; Health Care Services; Managed Health Care; Public Health; Rehabilitation; Social Services; and State Hospitals.

(b) The agency also includes the ~~Center for Data Insights and Innovation, the~~ Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Office of *Health Information Integrity, the Office of Patient Advocate, the Office of* Statewide Health Planning and Development, the Office of Systems Integration, the Office of Law Enforcement Support, the Office of the Surgeon General, ~~the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, and~~ *and* the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

(c) The Department of Child Support Services is hereby created within the agency and is the single organizational unit designated as the state's Title IV-D agency with the responsibility for administering the state plan and providing services relating to the establishment of paternity or the establishment, modification, or enforcement of child support obligations as required by Section 654 of Title 42 of the United States Code. State

