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Attention: Presiding Juvenile Court Judges and Juvenile Justice Commission Chairs

Section 209 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) contains several inspection requirements for juvenile court judges and Juvenile Justice Commissions. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is responsible for inspecting all local detention facilities, juvenile halls, and camps in California, and is also responsible for monitoring jails and lockups that securely detain minors.

WIC §209(a)¹ requires a judge of the juvenile court to annually inspect each jail or juvenile hall in the county that held one or more minors for **more than 24 hours** during the preceding calendar year.

WIC §209(b) requires the juvenile court judge or a delegated member of the Juvenile Justice Commission to inspect each law enforcement facility that contains a lockup² for adults in which one or more minors was **SECURELY** detained **for any length of time**.

To assist with your inspection responsibilities, we have enclosed a list of facilities in your county that reported they may hold minors in secure detention. This document also notes the number of minors held in secure detention during calendar year 2019, as reported by these facilities. **Please note that this list may not include all facilities in your county; those facilities who do not hold minors in secure detention are not included. Facilities holding minors in secure detention require inspection according to WIC §209(b).**

Additionally, if you learn of agencies that did not report the secure detention of minors to the BSCC, if you have questions regarding a particular facility, or if there are any changes or updates to your current contact information, you may reach your county's assigned BSCC field representative at (916) 445-5073.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

¹ **WIC §209(a)** requires the judge to promptly notify the operator of the facility of any observed noncompliance with minimum standards for juvenile facilities adopted by the BSCC (Title 15, California Code of Regulations).

² **Lockup** - any locked room, secure enclosure, or cuffing rail under the control of a sheriff or other peace officer that is primarily for the temporary confinement of adults upon arrest.