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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1911**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman**

February 11, 2016

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An act to repeal and add Section 241.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1911, as amended, Eggman. Dual-status minors.

Existing law requires the probation department and *the* child welfare service services department in each county to jointly develop a written protocol, as specified, to ensure appropriate local coordination in the assessment of a minor who is both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court. Existing law requires, whenever a minor appears to be both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court, the county probation department and the child welfare services department, pursuant to that jointly developed written protocol, to initially determine which status will ~~best~~ serve the best interests of the minor and the protection of society. ~~Existing~~

*Existing law authorizes the probation department and the child welfare services department in a county to create a jointly written protocol to allow the 2 departments to jointly assess and produce a recommendation that the child be designated as a dual status child, as specified. Existing law requires the protocol to include a plan to collect data, and requires the Judicial Council to collect and compile ~~that~~ the data. Existing law requires the Judicial Council to prepare an evaluation*

of the results of the implementation of the protocol, as specified, and to report its findings and any resulting recommendations to the Legislature within 2 years of the date those counties first deem a child to be a dual status child.

This bill would *instead* require the Judicial Council to, ~~on or before January 31, 2017,~~ to convene a committee comprised of stakeholders involved in serving the needs of dependents or wards of the juvenile court, as specified. The bill would require the ~~committee~~ *committee*, by *January 1, 2018*, to develop and report to the Legislature its recommendations to facilitate and enhance comprehensive data and outcome tracking for the state’s ~~dually involved, crossover, and dual status youth,~~ *youth involved in both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system*, and would require the recommendations to include specified information, including standardized definitions related to the populations of youth involved in both the ~~child welfare system and the probation system.~~ *these youth*. The bill would also require the State Department of Social ~~Services to,~~ *Services*, on or before January 31, ~~2017,~~ *2019*, to implement a function within the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) that will enable county child welfare agencies and county probation departments to identify ~~the dually involved youth described above who are~~ residing within their counties, and to issue guidance to all counties on the manner in which to track joint assessment hearing information completely and consistently for ~~dually involved~~ *these youth*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
 State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 241.2 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is repealed.
- 3 SEC. 2. Section 241.2 is added to the Welfare and Institutions
- 4 Code, to read:
- 5 241.2. (a) The Judicial Council ~~shall, on or before January 31,~~
- 6 ~~2017,~~ *shall* convene a committee comprised of stakeholders
- 7 involved in serving the needs of dependents or wards of the
- 8 juvenile court, including, but not limited to, judges, probation
- 9 officers, social workers, *youth involved in both the child welfare*
- 10 *system and the juvenile justice system, child welfare and juvenile*
- 11 *justice attorneys, child welfare and juvenile justice advocates, and*

1 representatives from the State Department of Social Services.  
2 ~~Within one year from the date of its first meeting, By January 1,~~  
3 ~~2018,~~ the committee shall develop and report to the ~~Legislature~~  
4 ~~Legislature, pursuant to Section 9795 of the Government Code,~~  
5 its recommendations to facilitate and enhance comprehensive data  
6 and outcome tracking for the state's ~~dually involved, crossover,~~  
7 ~~and dual status youth.~~ *youth involved in both the child welfare*  
8 *system and the juvenile justice system.* The committee's  
9 recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, all of the  
10 following:

11 (1) A common identifier counties may use to reconcile data  
12 across child welfare and ~~probation data~~ *juvenile justice* systems  
13 statewide.

14 (2) Standardized definitions for terms related to the populations  
15 of youth involved in both the child welfare system and the  
16 ~~probation~~ *juvenile justice* system.

17 (3) Identified and defined outcomes for counties to track ~~for~~  
18 ~~dually involved, crossover, and dual status youth, such as youth~~  
19 *involved in both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice*  
20 *system, including, but not limited to,* outcomes related to recidivism  
21 and education.

22 (4) Established baselines and goals for the identified and defined  
23 outcomes specified in paragraph (3).

24 (5) An assessment as to the costs and benefits associated with  
25 requiring all counties to implement the committee's  
26 recommendations.

27 (b) The State Department of Social Services shall, on or before  
28 January 31, ~~2017,~~ *2019,* implement a function within the Child  
29 Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) that will  
30 enable county child welfare agencies and county probation  
31 departments to identify ~~the dually involved~~ *youth involved in both*  
32 *the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system who are*  
33 residing within their counties and shall issue guidance to all  
34 counties on how to track joint assessment hearing information  
35 completely and consistently for ~~dually involved~~ *these* youth.