

Senate Bill No. 815

CHAPTER 671

An act to amend Sections 77201 and 77201.1 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 1 of Chapter 1045 of the Statutes of 1998, relating to state and local government, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 815, Chesbro. Courts: remittance and reimbursement.

(1) Existing law specifies certain amounts which a county is required to remit to the state for purposes of trial court funding.

This bill would revise those amounts with respect to Contra Costa, Del Norte, and San Bernardino Counties, except as specified.

(2) Existing law specifies the funds required to be repaid by Merced County pursuant to a loan for deferred fire protection contract costs, and provides that the amount of the local matching funds made to obtain certain juvenile correction funds in a specified year is deemed a payment for deferred fire protection contract costs.

This bill would extend the period of participation in the juvenile correction program deemed repayment on that loan.

(3) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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

SECTION 1. Section 77201 of the Government Code is amended to read:

77201. (a) Commencing on July 1, 1997, no county shall be responsible for funding court operations, as defined in Section 77003 and Rule 810 of the California Rules of Court as it read on July 1, 1996.

(b) In the 1997-98 fiscal year, each county shall remit to the state in installments due on January 1, April 1, and June 30, the amounts specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, each county shall remit to the state the amount listed below which is based on an amount expended by the respective county for court operations during the 1994-95 fiscal year:

Jurisdiction	Amount
Alameda	\$ 42,045,093
Alpine	46,044



Amador	900,196
Butte	2,604,611
Calaveras	420,893
Colusa	309,009
Contra Costa	21,634,450
Del Norte	780,786
El Dorado	3,888,927
Fresno	13,355,025
Glenn	371,607
Humboldt	2,437,196
Imperial	2,055,173
Inyo	546,508
Kern	16,669,917
Kings	2,594,901
Lake	975,311
Lassen	517,921
Los Angeles	291,872,379
Madera	1,242,968
Marin	6,837,518
Mariposa	177,880
Mendocino	1,739,605
Merced	1,363,409
Modoc	114,249
Mono	271,021
Monterey	5,739,655
Napa	2,866,986
Nevada	815,130
Orange	76,567,372
Placer	6,450,175
Plumas	413,368
Riverside	32,524,412
Sacramento	40,692,954
San Benito	460,552
San Bernardino	31,516,134
San Diego	77,637,904
San Francisco	31,142,353
San Joaquin	9,102,834
San Luis Obispo	6,840,067
San Mateo	20,383,643



Santa Barbara	10,604,431
Santa Clara	49,876,177
Santa Cruz	6,449,104
Shasta	3,369,017
Sierra	40,477
Siskiyou	478,144
Solano	10,780,179
Sonoma	9,273,174
Stanislaus	8,320,727
Sutter	1,718,287
Tehama	1,352,370
Trinity	620,990
Tulare	6,981,681
Tuolumne	1,080,723
Ventura	16,721,157
Yolo	2,564,985
Yuba	842,240

(2) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, each county shall also remit to the state the amount listed below which is based on an amount of fine and forfeiture revenue remitted to the state pursuant to Sections 27361 and 76000 of this code, Sections 1463.001 and 1464 of the Penal Code, and Sections 42007, 42007.1, and 42008 of the Vehicle Code during the 1994-95 fiscal year:

Jurisdiction	Amount
Alameda	\$12,769,882
Alpine	58,757
Amador	377,005
Butte	1,437,671
Calaveras	418,558
Colusa	485,040
Contra Costa	6,138,742
Del Norte	235,438
El Dorado	1,217,093
Fresno	4,505,786
Glenn	455,389
Humboldt	1,161,745
Imperial	1,350,760
Inyo	878,321
Kern	6,688,247



Kings	1,115,601
Lake	424,070
Lassen	513,445
Los Angeles	89,771,310
Madera	1,207,998
Marin	2,700,045
Mariposa	135,457
Mendocino	948,837
Merced	2,093,355
Modoc	122,156
Mono	415,136
Monterey	3,855,457
Napa	874,219
Nevada	1,378,796
Orange	24,830,542
Placer	2,182,230
Plumas	225,080
Riverside	13,328,445
Sacramento	7,548,829
San Benito	346,451
San Bernardino	11,694,120
San Diego	21,410,586
San Francisco	5,925,950
San Joaquin	4,753,688
San Luis Obispo	2,573,968
San Mateo	7,124,638
Santa Barbara	4,094,288
Santa Clara	15,561,983
Santa Cruz	2,267,327
Shasta	1,198,773
Sierra	46,778
Siskiyou	801,329
Solano	3,757,059
Sonoma	2,851,883
Stanislaus	2,669,045
Sutter	802,574
Tehama	761,188
Trinity	137,087
Tulare	2,299,167



Tuolumne	440,496
Ventura	6,129,411
Yolo	1,516,065
Yuba	402,077

(3) The installment due on January 1 shall be for 25 percent of the amounts specified in paragraphs (1) and (2). The installments due on April 1 and June 30 shall be prorated uniformly to reflect any adjustments made by the Department of Finance, as provided in this section. If no adjustment is made by April 1, 1998, the April 1, 1998, installment shall be for 15 percent of the amounts specified in paragraphs (1) and (2). If no adjustment is made by June 30, 1998, the June 30, 1998, installment shall be for the balance of the amounts specified in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(4) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, county remittances specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not be increased in subsequent years.

(5) Any change in statute or rule of court that either reduces the bail schedule or redirects or reduces a county's portion of fee, fine, and forfeiture revenue to an amount that is less than (A) the fees, fines, and forfeitures retained by that county and (B) the county's portion of fines and forfeitures transmitted to the state in the 1994-95 fiscal year, shall reduce that county's remittance specified in paragraph (2) of this subdivision by an equal amount. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit judicial sentencing discretion.

(c) The Department of Finance shall adjust the amount specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) that a county is required to submit to the state, pursuant to the following:

(1) A county shall submit a declaration to the Department of Finance, no later than February 15, 1998, that the amount it is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) either includes or does not include the costs for local judicial benefits which are court operation costs as defined in Section 77003 and Rule 810 of the California Rules of Court. The trial courts in a county that submits such a declaration shall be given a copy of the declaration and the opportunity to comment on the validity of the statements in the declaration. The Department of Finance shall verify the facts in the county's declaration and comments, if any. Upon verification that the amount the county is required to submit to the state includes the costs of local judicial benefits, the department shall reduce on or before June 30, 1998, the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) by an amount equal to the cost of those judicial benefits, in which case the county shall continue to be responsible for the cost of those benefits. If a county disagrees with the Department of Finance's failure to verify the facts in the county's declaration and



reduce the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), the county may request that the Controller conduct an audit to verify the facts in the county's declaration. The Controller shall conduct the requested audit which shall be at the requesting county's expense. If the Controller's audit verifies the facts in the county's declaration, the department shall reduce the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) by an amount equal to the amount verified by the Controller's audit and the state shall reimburse the requesting county for the cost of the audit.

(d) The Department of Finance shall adjust the amount specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 77201.1 that a county is required to submit to the state, pursuant to the following procedures:

(1) A county may submit a declaration to the Department of Finance, no later than February 15, 1998, that declares that (A) the county incorrectly reported county costs as court operations costs as defined in Section 77003 in the 1994-95 fiscal year, and that incorrect report resulted in the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) being too high, (B) the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) includes amounts that were specifically appropriated, funded, and expended by a county or city and county during the 1994-95 fiscal year to fund extraordinary one-time expenditures for court operation costs, or (C) the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) includes expenses that were funded from grants or subventions from any source, for court operation costs that could not have been funded without those grants or subventions being available. A county submitting that declaration shall concurrently transmit a copy of the declaration to the trial courts of that county. The trial courts in a county that submits that declaration shall have the opportunity to comment to the Department of Finance on the validity of the statements in the declaration. Upon receipt of the declaration and comments, if any, the Department of Finance shall determine and certify which costs identified in the county's declaration were incorrectly reported as court operation costs or were expended for extraordinary one-time expenditures or funded from grants or subventions in the 1994-95 fiscal year. The Department of Finance shall reduce the amount a county must submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 77201.1 by an amount equal to the amount the department certifies was incorrectly reported as court operations costs or were expended for extraordinary one-time expense or funded from grants or subventions in the 1994-95 fiscal year. If a county disagrees with the Department of Finance's failure to verify the facts in the county's declaration and reduce the amount the county is required to submit



to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 77201.1, the county may request that the Controller conduct an audit to verify the facts in the county's declaration. The Controller shall conduct the requested audit, which shall be at the requesting county's expense. If the Controller's audit verifies the facts in the county's declaration, the department shall reduce the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 77201.1 by an amount equal to the amount verified by the Controller's audit and the state shall reimburse the requesting county for the cost of the audit. A county shall provide, at no charge to the court, any service for which the amount in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 77201.1 was adjusted downward, if the county is required to provide that service at no cost to the court by any other provision of law.

(2) A court may submit a declaration to the Department of Finance, no later than February 15, 1998, that the county failed to report county costs as court operations costs as defined in Section 77003 in the 1994-95 fiscal year, and that this failure resulted in the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) being too low. A court submitting that declaration shall concurrently transmit a copy of the declaration to the county. A county shall have the opportunity to comment to the Department of Finance on the validity of statements in the declaration and comments, if any. Upon receipt of the declaration, the Department of Finance shall determine and certify which costs identified in the court's declaration should have been reported by the county as court operation costs in the 1994-95 fiscal year and whether this failure resulted in the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) being too low. The Department of Finance shall notify the county, the trial courts in the county, and the Judicial Council of its certification and decision. Within 30 days, the county shall either notify the Department of Finance, trial courts in the county, and the Judicial Council that the county shall assume responsibility for the costs the county has failed to report, or that the department shall increase the amount the county is required to submit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 77201.1 by an amount equal to the amount certified by the department. A county shall not be required to continue to provide services for which the amount in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 77201.1 was adjusted upward.

(e) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that to ensure an orderly transition to state trial court funding, it is necessary to delay the adjustments to county obligation payments provided for by Article 3 (commencing with Section 77200) of Chapter 13 of Title 8, as added by Chapter 850 of the Statutes of 1997, until the 1998-99 fiscal year. The Legislature also finds and declares that since increase



adjustments to the county obligation amounts will not take effect in the 1997–98 fiscal year, county charges for those services related to the increase adjustments shall not occur in the 1997–98 fiscal year. It is recognized that the counties have an obligation to provide, and the trial courts have an obligation to pay, for services provided by the county pursuant to Section 77212. In the 1997–98 fiscal year, the counties shall charge for, and the courts shall pay, these obligations consistent with paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subdivision.

(1) For the 1997–98 fiscal year, a county shall reduce the charges to a court for those services for which the amount in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 77201.1 is adjusted upward, by an amount equal to the lesser of the following:

(A) The amount of the increase adjustment certified by the department pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d).

(B) The difference between the actual amount charged and paid for from the trial court operations fund, and the amount charged in the 1994–95 fiscal year.

(2) For the 1997–98 fiscal year, any funds paid out of the trial court operations fund established pursuant to Section 77009 during the 1997–98 fiscal year to pay for those services for which there was an upward adjustment, shall be returned to the trial court operations fund in the amount equal to the lesser of the following:

(A) The amount of the increase adjustment certified by the department pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d).

(B) The difference between the actual amount charged and paid for from the trial court operations fund, and the amount charged in the 1994–95 fiscal year.

(3) The Judicial Council shall reduce the allocation to the courts by an amount equal to the amount of any increase adjustment certified by the Department of Finance, if the cost of those services was used in determining the Judicial Council’s allocation of funding for the 1997–98 fiscal year.

(4) In the event the charges are not reduced as provided in paragraph (1) or the funds are not returned to the trial court operations fund as provided in paragraph (2), the trial court operations fund shall be refunded for the 1998–99 fiscal year. Funds provided to the trial court operations fund pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to the trial courts to meet financial obligations incurred during the 1997–98 fiscal year. To the extent that a trial court receives total resources for trial court funding from the county and the state for the 1997–98 fiscal year that exceeded the amount of the allocation approved by the Judicial Council by November 30, 1997, these amounts shall be available for expenditure in the 1998–99 fiscal year and the Judicial Council shall reduce the 1998–99 fiscal year allocation of the court by an equal amount.



(f) Nothing in this section is intended to relieve a county of the responsibility to provide necessary and suitable court facilities pursuant to Section 68073.

(g) Nothing in this section is intended to relieve a county of the responsibility for justice-related expenses not included in Section 77003 which are otherwise required of the county by law, including, but not limited to, indigent defense representation and investigation, and payment of youth authority charges.

(h) The Department of Finance shall notify the county, trial courts in the county, and Judicial Council of the final decision and resulting adjustment.

(i) On or before February 15, 1998, each county shall submit to the Department of Finance a report of the amount it expended for trial court operations as defined in Section 77003 and Rule 810 of the California Rules of Court as it read on July 1, 1996, between the start of the 1997-98 fiscal year and the effective date of this section. The department shall reduce the amount a county is required to remit to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) in the 1997-98 fiscal year by an amount equal to the amount a county expended for court operation costs between the start of the 1997-98 fiscal year and the effective date of this section. The department shall also reduce the amount a county is required to remit to the state pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) in the 1997-98 fiscal year by an amount equal to the amount of fine and forfeiture revenue that a county remitted to the state between the start of the 1997-98 fiscal year and the effective date of this section. The department shall notify the county, the trial courts of the county, and the Judicial Council of the amount it has reduced a county's obligation to remit to the state pursuant to this subdivision.

SEC. 2. Section 77201.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:

77201.1. (a) Commencing on July 1, 1997, no county shall be responsible for funding court operations, as defined in Section 77003 and Rule 810 of the California Rules of Court as it read on July 1, 1996.

(b) Commencing in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, each county shall remit to the state in four equal installments due on October 1, January 1, April 1, and May 1, the amounts specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, each county shall remit to the state the amount listed below which is based on an amount expended by the respective county for court operations during the 1994-95 fiscal year:

Jurisdiction	Amount
Alameda	\$ 22,509,905
Alpine	-



Amador	—
Butte	—
Calaveras	—
Colusa	—
Contra Costa	11,974,535
Del Norte	—
El Dorado	—
Fresno	11,222,780
Glenn	—
Humboldt	—
Imperial	—
Inyo	—
Kern	9,234,511
Kings	—
Lake	—
Lassen	—
Los Angeles	175,330,647
Madera	—
Marin	—
Mariposa	—
Mendocino	—
Merced	—
Modoc	—
Mono	—
Monterey	4,520,911
Napa	—
Nevada	—
Orange	38,846,003
Placer	—
Plumas	—
Riverside	17,857,241
Sacramento	20,733,264
San Benito	—
San Bernardino	20,227,102
San Diego	43,495,932
San Francisco	19,295,303
San Joaquin	6,543,068
San Luis Obispo	—
San Mateo	12,181,079



Santa Barbara	6,764,792
Santa Clara	28,689,450
Santa Cruz	—
Shasta	—
Sierra	—
Siskiyou	—
Solano	6,242,661
Sonoma	6,162,466
Stanislaus	3,506,297
Sutter	—
Tehama	—
Trinity	—
Tulare	—
Tuolumne	—
Ventura	9,734,190
Yolo	—
Yuba	—

(2) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, each county shall also remit to the state the amount listed below which is based on an amount of fine and forfeiture revenue remitted to the state pursuant to Sections 27361 and 76000 of this code, Sections 1463.001, 1463.07, and 1464 of the Penal Code, and Sections 42007, 42007.1, and 42008 of the Vehicle Code during the 1994–95 fiscal year:

Jurisdiction	Amount
Alameda	\$ 9,912,156
Alpine	58,757
Amador	265,707
Butte	1,217,052
Calaveras	310,331
Colusa	397,468
Contra Costa	4,486,486
Del Norte	124,085
El Dorado	1,028,349
Fresno	3,695,633
Glenn	360,974
Humboldt	1,025,583
Imperial	1,144,661
Inyo	614,920
Kern	5,530,972



Kings	982,208
Lake	375,570
Lassen	430,163
Los Angeles	71,002,129
Madera	1,042,797
Marin	2,111,712
Mariposa	135,457
Mendocino	717,075
Merced	1,733,156
Modoc	104,729
Mono	415,136
Monterey	3,330,125
Napa	719,168
Nevada	1,220,686
Orange	19,572,810
Placer	1,243,754
Plumas	193,772
Riverside	7,681,744
Sacramento	5,937,204
San Benito	302,324
San Bernardino	8,163,193
San Diego	16,166,735
San Francisco	4,046,107
San Joaquin	3,562,835
San Luis Obispo	2,036,515
San Mateo	4,831,497
Santa Barbara	3,277,610
Santa Clara	11,597,583
Santa Cruz	1,902,096
Shasta	1,044,700
Sierra	42,533
Siskiyou	615,581
Solano	2,708,758
Sonoma	2,316,999
Stanislaus	1,855,169
Sutter	678,681
Tehama	640,303
Trinity	137,087
Tulare	1,840,422



Tuolumne	361,665
Ventura	4,575,349
Yolo	880,798
Yuba	289,325

(3) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, county remittances specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not be increased in subsequent years.

(4) Except for those counties with a population of 70,000, or less, on January 1, 1996, the amount a county is required to remit pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be adjusted by the amount equal to any adjustment resulting from the procedures in subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 77201 as that section read on June 30, 1998, to the extent a county filed an appeal with the Controller with respect to the findings made by the Department of Finance. This paragraph shall not be construed to establish a new appeal process beyond what was provided by Section 77201, as that section read on June 30, 1998.

(5) Any change in statute or rule of court that either reduces the bail schedule or redirects or reduces a county's portion of fee, fine, and forfeiture revenue to an amount that is less than (A) the fees, fines, and forfeitures retained by that county, and (B) the county's portion of fines and forfeitures transmitted to the state in the 1994-95 fiscal year, shall reduce that county's remittance specified in paragraph (2) of this subdivision by an equal amount. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit judicial sentencing discretion.

(c) Nothing in this section is intended to relieve a county of the responsibility to provide necessary and suitable court facilities pursuant to Section 68073.

(d) Nothing in this section is intended to relieve a county of the responsibility for justice-related expenses not included in Section 77003 which are otherwise required of the county by law, including, but not limited to, indigent defense representation and investigation, and payment of youth authority charges.

(e) County base year remittance requirements specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) incorporate specific reductions to reflect those instances where the Department of Finance has determined that a county's remittance to both the General Fund and the Trial Court Trust Fund during the 1994-95 fiscal year exceeded the aggregate amount of state funding from the General Fund and the Trial Court Trust Fund. The amount of the reduction was determined by calculating the difference between the amount the county remitted to the General Fund and the Trial Court Trust Fund and the aggregate amount of state support from the General Fund and the Trial Court Trust Fund allocated to the county's trial courts. In making its determination of whether a county is entitled to a reduction pursuant to that paragraph, the Department of Finance



subtracted from county revenues remitted to the state, all moneys derived from the fee required by Section 42007.1 of the Vehicle Code and the parking surcharge required by subdivision (c) of Section 76000.

(f) Notwithstanding subdivision (e), the Department of Finance shall not reduce a county's base year remittance requirement, as specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), if the county's trial court funding allocation was modified pursuant to the amendments to the allocation formula set forth in paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 77200, as amended by Chapter 2 of the Statutes of 1993, to provide a stable level of funding for small county courts in response to reductions in the General Fund support for the trial courts.

(g) In any fiscal year in which a county of the first class pays the employer-paid retirement contribution for court employees, or any other employees of the county who provide a service to the court, and the amounts of those payments are charged to the budget of the courts, the sum the county is required to pay to the state pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) shall be increased by the actual amount charged to the trial court up to twenty-three million five hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred forty-nine dollars (\$23,527,949) in that fiscal year. The county and the trial court shall report to the Controller and the Department of Finance the actual amount charged in that fiscal year.

(h) This section shall become operative on July 1, 1999.

SEC. 3. Section 1 of Chapter 1045 of the Statutes of 1998 is amended to read:

Section 1. (a) For a county that received a loan pursuant to Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 55620) of Chapter 4 of Part 2 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the amount of the local match required and those other funds necessary to complete the project as described in the grant award made pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 4 of Chapter 339 of the Statutes of 1998 that is paid by the county during its participation in the program specified in that subdivision in the 1999–2000, 2000–2001, 2001–2002, and 2002–2003 fiscal years, shall be deemed a payment on the loan provided pursuant to that article.

(b) The principal balance of the loan made pursuant to that Article 1.5, following the application of any payments made by a county and the application of the payment deemed to have been made pursuant to subdivision (a), shall be paid by a county in annual installments of no less than 10 percent of the principal balance of the loan. These payments shall be made by December 31 of each year commencing in the fiscal year following the initial participation in the program authorized by Section 4 of Chapter 339 of the Statutes of 1998. No further interest shall accrue on the loan after the operative date of this act and any interest accrued to date is hereby waived.



(c) This act shall become operative only if the county participates during the 1998–99 fiscal year or the 1999–2000 fiscal year in the program or programs implemented pursuant to Sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of Chapter 339 of the Statutes of 1998.

SEC. 4. Section 2 of this bill shall not become operative if Assembly Bill 2402 is enacted and becomes operative before this bill and amends Section 77201.1 of the Government Code.

SEC. 5. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to correct the statutory amounts that Contra Costa, Del Norte, and San Bernardino Counties shall be required to remit to the state for purposes of trial court funding, and in order that Merced County may proceed with the construction of a new juvenile hall as contemplated in Chapter 1045 of the Statutes of 1998 it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

