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Daniel Alvarez
Secretary of the California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3044
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Alvarez:

The Juvenile Justice Data Working Group (JJDWG) has completed the attached report to the Legislature entitled, "Rebuilding California's Juvenile Justice System—Recommendations to Improve Data Collection, Performance measures and Outcomes for California Youth." I appreciate the many months of thoughtful work that the JJDWG contributed in completing this report. While the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) supplies staff to support the group, the JJDWG was established by the Legislature to study the existing systems and recommend options for improvements that might result in a better understanding of the juvenile justice system. The Board itself has not had input into, nor has it reviewed, the report.

The BSCC Executive Staff is reviewing the report and has identified a number of issues that require further analysis before the BSCC can provide any recommendations, technical assistance or comments. These issues include concern about policy and fiscal impacts at both the state and county level, information technology feasibility, and infrastructure changes within California's Executive Branch. Although the report emphasizes the need for funding to be made available to accomplish the proposed changes, the BSCC is always mindful of changes that create new mandates for counties. Finally, I believe that the Board would not support Recommendation 6 to form a statutory Task Force, Board, or Commission that is independent of (but attached to and staffed by) the BSCC. The Board is the appropriate state agency to lead such a Task Force and we are committed to fulfilling our leadership role on these important juvenile justice activities.

The Board will receive this Legislative Report at its February 4, 2016 meeting and will direct any comments or feedback to the Legislature in future correspondence.

Sincerely,

LINDA M. PENNER
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