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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: **IMPACTS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1227 ON THE COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN PROGRAM AND COLLABORATION WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENTS**

REFERENCES: [ASSEMBLY BILL 1227\(CHAPTER 558, STATUTES OF 2017\);](#)  
[SENATE BILL 855 \(CHAPTER 25, STATUTES OF 2014\);](#)  
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) CODE SECTIONS 16524.6-16542.11;](#) [ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-23-15;](#) [EDUCATION CODES 51934 AND 51950.](#)

The purpose of this All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to inform counties of the changes in California law enacted by [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 1227](#) effective as of January 1, 2018. The statutory changes impact the county opt-in Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Program, created by [Senate Bill 855](#) (statutes of 2014), by requiring the county human services agency to include representatives from local county office of education and sheriff’s department as members of the team responsible for creating county interagency protocols. Counties that opt-in to the CSEC Program under [Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) section 16524.6 et. seq.](#) must also specifically document their collaboration with local educational entities in their annual plan submitted to California Department Social Services (CDSS).

In addition, Assembly Bill (AB) 1227 amended the Education Code (Ed. Code) to describe specific information that must be included about human trafficking as part of the comprehensive sexual health education provided by school districts to its pupils. The AB 1227 further amended the Ed. Code to encourage school districts to collaborate with

county child welfare and probation agencies on sexual abuse and human trafficking intervention programs, as well as require continuation training to be available and conducted periodically to enable school district personnel to learn about human trafficking and current prevention efforts and methods.

### **Background**

In June 2014, California established the CSEC Program by adding [sections 16524.6-16542.11](#) to WIC. This county opt-in program provides state funding to participating county child welfare agencies for the purposes of prevention and intervention services for children and youth who are, or are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. All child welfare agencies that have opted to participate in the program are required to develop an interagency protocol and utilize a multidisciplinary team approach for case planning. Guidance in developing interagency protocols and establishing multidisciplinary teams was offered by the California Department of Social Services via [ACIN No. 1-23-15](#).

### **CSEC Program Amendments**

The AB 1227 amended WIC section 16524.8 by adding the county office of education and sheriff's department to the list of agencies whose representatives must be included on the team responsible for developing the county's interagency protocol. Counties must include these entities when creating new, or updating existing, interagency protocols. Counties who developed a protocol prior to the inclusion of representatives from the local county office of education and sheriff's department may, but are not required to, revise their protocols to reflect input by these entities.

Additionally, AB 1227 amended paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of WIC section 16524.7 to require opt-in counties to specifically document their county's collaboration with education entities in their plan submitted to CDSS. Additional instruction on how to document this collaboration within the county plan will be provided in a forthcoming letter.

### **Education Code Amendments**

The amendments made to [Ed. Code section 51934\(a\)\(10\)](#) require that the comprehensive sexual health education provided by school districts to its pupils contain specific information on human trafficking, including information on the prevalence, nature, and strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely seek assistance. Additionally, [Ed. Code section 51950](#) encourages school districts to collaborate with other agencies, including county child welfare, probation, mental health, public health, sheriff's departments, juvenile courts, and offices of education on sexual abuse and human trafficking intervention programs for pupils and other minors. The AB 1227 also amended Ed. Code section 51950 to require continuation

training regarding human trafficking for school district personnel be made available and conducted periodically.

**Contact Information**

If you have any questions related to AB 1227's impact on the CSEC Program, please contact the Child Trafficking Response Unit, within the Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau, at (916) 651-6160 or at [CSECProgram@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CSECProgram@dss.ca.gov). For further clarification or questions relative to the impacts on education, please contact Jacie Ragland, Education Programs Consultant, California Department of Education, at (916) 323-2568 or at [jragland@cde.ca.gov](mailto:jragland@cde.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

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