

MANDATE SUMMARY

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827
Chapter 1423, Statutes of 1984
Chapter 1019, Statutes of 1994
Chapter 71, Statutes of 1995

Juvenile Court Notices II

Eligible Claimants

School districts and county offices of education.

Basis For Mandate

The Commission on State Mandates determined that Welfare and Institutions Code section 827, as amended by Chapter 1423, Statutes of 1984, requires school district superintendents to distribute to relevant schoolsite personnel written notices provided to them by the juvenile court system regarding pupils enrolled in their district who have been convicted of certain felonies and then to destroy the notices after 12 months. Chapter 1011, Statutes of 1984, declared this amendment of Section 827 to be a state mandate and made an appropriation to school districts for the costs mandated by the state. An appropriation for that purpose has been included in subsequent Budget Acts. The State Controller prepared initial claiming instructions in 1985 ("Chapter 1011, Statutes of 1984-Juvenile Court Notices") and has since then been reimbursing school districts pursuant to annual claiming instructions.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 was amended by Chapter 1019, Statutes of 1994 (operative January 1, 1995), to require, in addition to the activities mandated by Chapter 1423, Statutes of 1984, additional record retention and information dissemination procedures. Section 827 was further amended by Chapter 71, Statutes of 1995 (operative July 6, 1995), to eliminate the requirement that the court records in the confidential student file be removed after 12 months.

Statewide Cost Estimate

The Commission adopted a statewide cost estimate of \$125,000 for costs incurred on or after January 1, 1995. This estimate was based on a reasonable approximation of the cost and is currently proposed in the Governor's Budget for 1996-97. A current appropriation for juvenile court notices, originally made by Chapter 1011, Statutes of 1984, is to be used as an offset to any costs found by the Commission.

This \$125,000 is not to be included in the Claims Bill, because it is in the Budget Bill.