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**Re: Clarification of Jurisdiction for Parameters and Guidelines Amendments**  
*Custody of Minors - Child Abduction and Recovery, 25-PGA-01*  
Family Code Sections 3060 to 3064, 3130 to 3134.5, 3408, 3411, and 3421  
Penal Code Sections 277, 278, and 278.5  
Welfare And Institutions Code Section 11478.5  
Statutes 1976, Chapter 1399; Statutes 1992, Chapter 162;  
Statutes 1996, Chapter 988  
State Controller's Office, Requester

Dear Mr. Blazina, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mar, and Mr. Valdez:

On October 24, 2025, the State Controller's Office (Controller) filed the above-captioned Request for Parameters and Guidelines Amendment pursuant to Government Code section 17557(d), requesting that the Parameters and Guidelines be amended as follows:

- Adding a Statement of Decision (SOD).
- Adding Reimbursable Activity, 2.a., "District Attorney cost of notifications sent if jurisdiction is refused," and adjusting the following numbering accordingly.
- Moving Reimbursable Activities 2.b.(3). and 2.b.(4). to appear as Reimbursable Activities 3. and 4.
- Adding the 1990 and 1993 amendments to these Parameters and Guidelines to the history of this mandate in the top left corner of the first page.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Request for Parameters and Guidelines Amendment (PGA) filed by the State Controller's Office (Requester) on October 24, 2025, <https://csm.ca.gov/matters/CSM-4237/doc3.pdf> (accessed on March 6, 2026), pages 1-4.

On October 30, 2025, Commission on State Mandates (Commission) staff determined this Request was complete, notified the parties, and requested comments from parties, interested parties, and interested persons, in accordance with sections 1183.17 and 1181.3 of the Commission's regulations. The deadline to file comments ended on November 20, 2025.

Staff recently reviewed the comments received, and found that some comment letters request additional amendments to the Parameters and Guidelines for the *Custody of Minors – Child Abduction and Recovery* program that go beyond the scope of the Controller's request, specifically, requesting that the Commission also explain how "Good Cause" matters under Penal Code section 278.7 should be treated within the mandate, and "to provide practical guidance on required source and corroborating documentation that demonstrates compliance with the Parameters and Guidelines."<sup>2</sup>

Based on the Commission's regulations, additional requests for amendments made in comments to an existing request for a parameters and guidelines amendment are not before the Commission unless a separate matter is filed requesting that amendment. Subdivision (c) of section 1183.17 of the Commission's Regulations requires that any new proposals for amendments shall be filed as a new parameters and guidelines amendment request:

The addition or substitution of requesters and supporting declarations based on the original facts alleged in an existing parameters and guidelines amendment request is not an "amendment." However, **new proposals for amendments shall be filed as a new parameters and guidelines amendment request.** [Emphasis added]

Section 1183.17(d) requires that a claimant or state agency requesting an amendment to existing parameters and guidelines shall file the request in accordance with section 1181.3 of these regulations as a new filing, which has to be reviewed for completeness. Once complete, the new filing becomes a matter before the Commission and is issued for comment.<sup>3</sup> With the agreement of the parties, all requests to amend the parameters and guidelines for the same program can be consolidated for hearing pursuant to Government Code section 17554.

This means that, currently, the Commission's jurisdiction over this Request is limited to the Controller's specific requests to amend the Parameters and Guidelines as stated above.

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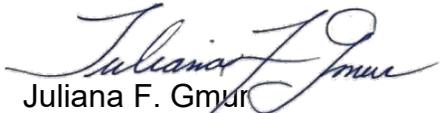
<sup>2</sup> See County of Sacramento Office of the District Attorney's Comments on the Request for Parameters and Guidelines Amendment filed November 17, 2025, <https://csm.ca.gov/matters/CSM-4237/doc5.pdf> (accessed on March 6, 2026), page 1.

<sup>3</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 1181.2(j), 1183.17.

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Although additional information in support or opposition to a proposed amendment is welcome, comments suggesting additional amendments will not be considered unless the commenter files a new request for parameters and guidelines amendment in accordance with Government Code section 17557(d) and the Commission's regulations.

Very truly yours,



Juliana F. Gmur  
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## DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On March 16, 2026, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated March 16, 2026**
- **Clarification of Jurisdiction for Parameters and Guidelines Amendments issued March 16, 2026**

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by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on March 16, 2026 at Sacramento, California.



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