

2018 – 2019 California Legislative Agenda

POLICY PRIORITIES

EDUCATION

- ❖ **SB 419 (Skinner), Eliminates Suspensions and Expulsions for Defiance / Disruption**
 - Extends the ban on “willful defiance” suspensions to include students in all grades.
- ❖ **AB 901 (Gipson), Ending “Voluntary Probation” in Schools and Communities**
 - Limits discretion of probation to place young people on “voluntary probation” and ensures that students receive appropriate interventions and are not criminalized with “voluntary probation” for academic reasons or typical adolescent behavior.
- ❖ **AB 1015 (Gipson, Weber), Invests in Opportunity Youth**
 - Ensures schools and community organizations have adequate funding to re-engage and provide wraparound supports and services to opportunity youth (young people who have dropped out of school, been pushed out, and are disengaged).

ECONOMIC RIGHTS and OPPORTUNITY

- ❖ **SB 206 (Skinner), Economic Rights for Student Athletes**
 - Gives college athletes the right to earn compensation for the use of their name or image.
- ❖ **SB 218 (Bradford), Local Enforcement of Employment Discrimination Laws**
 - Allows city or county agencies to enforce employment discrimination laws, so workers can address discrimination locally.
- ❖ **AB 1608 (Holden), Improves Access to Licenses for People With Convictions**
 - Removes employment barriers for people with convictions who apply for professional licenses through the Department of Social Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY and JUSTICE

- ❖ **AB 392 (Weber), Updates the Use of Force Standard for Law Enforcement**
 - Saves lives by updating California’s outdated use of force standard to ensure that police officers avoid using deadly force at every possible opportunity.
- ❖ **SB 516 (Skinner), Increase Fairness and Reduce Racial Bias in the Court System**
 - Moves the presentation of evidence for gang enhancement to after a conviction, to prohibit prosecutors from prejudicing juries.

❖ **AB 656 (E. Garcia), Office of Healthy and Safe Communities**

- Creates a new statewide office, to be housed under the Surgeon General, to consolidate and coordinate community-based approaches to ending cycles of violence and investing in healing and community-driven solutions. Requests \$6 million to establish the office and develop a vision and strategic plan.

BUDGET REQUESTS

❖ **(E. Garcia), Office of Healthy and Safe Communities**

- Requests a one-time appropriation of \$6 million to establish the office and develop a vision and strategic plan for preventing violence in California.

❖ **(Beall, B. Rubio), Prevention Works: Investing in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention**

- Requests ongoing allotment of \$50 million for prevention efforts and programs that stop violence and abuse before it starts.

❖ **(Jones-Sawyer, Bradford, Monning, Gipson), The Youth Reinvestment Grant and Fostering Success Fund**

- \$100 million to fund Local Diversion Programs for youth disproportionately impacted by arrest and incarceration over a 3-year Youth Reinvestment Grant period
- \$10 million to fund Trauma-Informed Diversion Programs for Native American Youth
- \$10 million to fund pilot county Offices of Youth Development and Diversion
- \$9 million to fund Foster Youth Development, Diversion and Permanency Programs for Teens

❖ **(Wicks), Gun Violence Prevention**

- \$39 million in funding for CalVIP to strengthen and expand community-based solutions to gun violence.