

## ADVOCACY ALERT: California County Juvenile Facilities & 2022 Revision of State Regulations

**Right now, California’s Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is conducting the 2022 revision process for the regulations governing county juvenile facilities, including juvenile halls, camps, and ranches.**

**Qualified Legal Services Programs (QLSPs) can use this public revision process to provide feedback to the state agency regarding facility regulations impacting youth. This “quick facts” guide offers an overview of the regulations revision process.**

### **What is the BSCC?**

California’s [Board of State and Community Corrections](#) (BSCC) is an independent statutory agency that oversees and provides services to county adult and juvenile justice systems. BSCC responsibilities include inspections of county jails and juvenile detention facilities, technical assistance on local issues, promulgation of regulations, training standards for local correctional staff, and the administration of a wide range of grants to state and local governments and community-based organizations.

### **What are the BSCC juvenile facility regulations?**

The BSCC promulgates regulations that set the minimum standards for juvenile facilities operated by counties. The facilities governed by these regulations include county juvenile halls, camps, and ranches.

The [Title 15 regulations](#) govern areas related to facility operation, including inspections (Article 2), staffing (Article 3), classification and segregation (Article 5), facility programming (Article 6), disciplinary policies (Article 7), and health services (Article 8).

The [Title 24 regulations](#) govern facility design, including size, capacity, and other physical plant specifications.

### **What is the revision process for juvenile facility regulations?**

The BSCC biennially reviews and revises the juvenile facility regulations. The BSCC appoints an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to draft recommendations for these

revisions, which the BSCC then approves, rejects, or revises. The BSCC initiated the 2022 process in February of this year.

### **What are the opportunities for public input regarding the regulations?**

The BSCC acknowledges that in order to “ensure successful program design and implementation, it is essential that those impacted are included in the decision-making process.” ([BSCC: About Executive Steering Committees and Scoring Panels](#)). To this end, and pursuant to California Penal Code § 6024(c), the BSCC invites participation in the revision process by the public, including experts, stakeholders, and those with lived-experience in juvenile justice systems.

Opportunities for public input include:

#### 1) Listening Sessions

In May and June, the BSCC hosted four listening sessions that were open for comment by members of the public. Recordings of the completed listening sessions can be found [here](#).

In the summer and fall of 2022, additional listening sessions will be hosted by community-based organizations in a variety of geographic areas across the state. As they become available, details will be posted [here](#).

#### 2) Written Comments – Due July 7, 2022

The BSCC is providing an [online portal](#) through which members of the public can submit comments to the BSCC on the regulations. Comments may be submitted on specific sections or the regulations as a whole, and can also be submitted by email to [regulations@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:regulations@bscc.ca.gov).

***The deadline to submit written comments is July 7, 2022.*** The written comment submissions will be provided to the Executive Steering Committee.

#### 3) Meetings of the Executive Steering Committee (ESC)

The meetings of the ESC will begin in late September or early October and will be open to the public. As details become available, they will be posted [here](#).

If your legal services organization is interested in providing comments for the BSCC regulations revision and you have questions or need other technical assistance, please contact the Youth Law Center at [info@ylc.org](mailto:info@ylc.org), or reach out to any of our attorneys via [our directory](#).