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## Web Pages Devoted to Homelessness Task Force

CSAC has embarked on an important effort to find real solutions to homelessness in California, establishing a joint Homelessness Task Force with the League of California Cities. The first meeting occurred Friday, September 23, with more than 20 city and county officials discussing how to approach this complex and vexing issue. CSAC has also created special [pages on our website](#) devoted to the task force work product and other resources.

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## Governor's Bill Deadline Looms Large

Governor Brown started the month of September with 789 bills on his desk for consideration. He is limited to three options: Sign the bill into law, veto it, or allow it to become law without his signature. He has until midnight, Friday, September 30 to decide.

He has already acted on many of those 789 bills and CSAC has been tracking the Governor's activity on those directly affecting counties. Look for some of the bills the Governor has acted on recently at the links below, and we will provide a comprehensive roundup of the Governor's action on bills impacting counties in the next Bulletin on Thursday, November 6.

[Health and Human Services Legislation](#)

[Public Safety Legislation](#)

[Employee Relations and Administrative Services Legislation](#)

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## **PPIC Reports Examine Justice Realignment, Prop 47**

The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) released two reports which examine the effects of 2011 Realignment and Proposition 47 of 2014, on California's correctional system. The studies indicate that these two changes have reduced California's prison population without causing a significant increase in crime. While crime rates have increased marginally since 2011 the increase is similar to what has occurred in other locations around the country that have not made significant changes.

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## **Definition of "Mandate" Could Expand**

A groundbreaking expansion of what constitutes a reimbursable mandate took stage as the CSAC Mandate Services Committee met last week. This group meets regularly to determine potential reimbursement opportunities and to navigate the Commission of State Mandates (CSM) process and includes county, city, and special district representatives.

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## **Foster Youth Medication Subject of Lengthy Hearing**

The Senate Human Services Committee and the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services conducted a lengthy joint hearing on the misuse of psychotropic medications for foster youth on Monday. The Committees heard from a wide range of speakers to address the complicated issue, including State Auditor Elaine Howle, who provided the committee with an overview of the findings of the recently released audit [report](#), which concluded that both the state and counties failed to provide adequate oversight of the prescribing of psychotropic medications to foster youth.

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## **DHCS Proposes Updates to Health Homes Program**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is proposing to amend the Medi-Cal 2020 waiver Special Terms and Conditions to try to implement the Health Homes Program in the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system.

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## **\$25M in Transitional Housing Grants Available**

The application period for the Community-Based Transitional Housing grant program opens on October 1. The grants will provide on a rolling basis up to \$2 million to a city or county that

approves conditional use permits for facilities that provide transitional housing and support services for offenders released from state prisons and county jails.

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## Administration of Justice News Briefs

### CSAC's Evidence-Based Programming Help Desk

Need assistance in learning about adult criminal justice programs? We are now operating our Technical Assistance Hub to include an evidence-based programming help desk.

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**BSCC Board September 22 Meeting Highlights**The Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) Board moved forward two statewide grant programs designed to steer offenders away from the criminal justice system during their September 22 board meeting.

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## How's Your Broadband?

Following up on their [recent report on California's stubborn "Digital Divide,"](#) the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) is surveying local officials about the importance of broadband to different aspects of their communities. Please consider taking a few minutes to respond to [the survey.](#)

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## Public Comment Open for CA Children's Services Pilot Design

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) posed a draft evaluation design for the California Children's Services (CCS) demonstration project pilots. The draft CCS Evaluation Design is available [online](#) and DHCS will be accepting public comments through October 19.

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## ILG Webinar: Safety and Violence Prevention

Keeping our communities safe is a responsibility shared by community members at all levels and sectors. Collaboration among local officials, staff, community groups and constituents plays a vital role in the safety and welfare of our communities.

Join the [Institute for Local Government](#) for a webinar on **Wednesday, October 19, from 11 am to noon** that will focus on the importance of collaborations to reduce and prevent violence while increasing safety.

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## From Our Blog: California Considers a Regional Energy Market

California's energy industry is undergoing historic transformations that could benefit the environment and millions of consumers across the state. As the grid operator for nearly 80 percent of the California and a small portion of Nevada, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) is playing a key role to help implement these ambitious policies.

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## Take Advantage of Early Bird Registration Rates for CSAC's Annual Meeting

Early-bird registration rates for the upcoming [CSAC Annual Meeting](#) ends on October 14! Don't miss this opportunity to save \$50.00 off advance registration rates. After Friday October 14, you can still register online through November 15 at our advance registration rates. [To register click here!](#)

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## Job Openings

Click [here](#) to see the latest county and local government job postings.

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