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## The Juvenile Justice Program

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## **GOVERNOR'S FY 08/09 BUDGET PROPOSES CUTS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

This morning California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger released his January Budget Proposal for FY 08-09. Facing a projected \$ 14 billion deficit, the Governor for the most part delivered on his pledge to cut state-funded programs across the board by 10 percent. The Governor has suspended the "Proposition 98" guarantee for education funds and has proposed significant reductions in school spending and in a broad range of social service programs including \$1 billion in Medi-Cal cuts. Big savings in the corrections budget would result from the proposed early release of more than 22,000 non-violent state prison inmates and from a layoff of more than 6,000 state corrections employees over the next two years.

For juvenile justice programs, the Governor's budget proposal is a mixed bag of cuts and protected funds as highlighted below, for Fiscal Year 2008-09:

### Major proposed cuts include

- **Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention ACT (JJCPA)/ Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS):** down 10% to \$214 million from last year's \$ 238 million (combined).
- **Juvenile Probation Camp and Ranch funds:** down 10% to \$181 million from \$ 201 million
- **Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grants:** cut by \$4.5 million (combined juvenile and adult program grants)
- **After School Education and Safety Act (Proposition 49):** cut by \$59.6 million, to \$ 487.4 million from \$ 547 million last year.

### Some juvenile justice programs and related departmental budgets were specifically exempted from the proposed cuts, including:

- **SB 81 Youthful Offender Block Grant Funds (Juvenile Justice Realignment funds) payable to counties for non 707 (b) wards.** Protected and proposed at \$ 66 million for FY 08-09, up from \$ 24 million last year.
- The Governor's Budget states that both the **Division of Juvenile Justice and the Corrections Standards Authority were exempted** from his all-department budget cut target for FY 08-09. There were minor augmentations in proposed appropriations to pay for additional litigation costs in *Farrell v. Tilton* (DJJ facilities, \$ 4.5 million) and *LH v. Schwarzenegger* (juvenile parole revocation hearing rights, \$ 2.9 million).

We will provide more details on the Governor's budget as they become available.