



# 2021 California Legislative Priorities

## Youth Voice

### **AB 46 (RIVAS) California Youth Empowerment Act**

**Assembly Bill 46** would establish the California Youth Empowerment Commission to provide meaningful opportunities for civic engagement by ensuring young people are directly engaged with the policymaking process in California. [Fact Sheet](#)

## Decarceration

### **SB 81 (SKINNER) Judicial Guidance on Sentence Enhancements**

**Senate Bill 81** aims to provide clear guidance on how and when judges may apply sentence enhancements. This bill will improve fairness in sentencing and help ensure that penalties more closely reflect the circumstances of the crime. [Fact Sheet](#)

### **SB 82 (SKINNER) Theft Is Not Armed Robbery**

**Senate Bill 82** aims to bring California into closer alignment with other states that distinguish between different types of thefts and forbid thefts involving minor use of force or fear from being charged as robberies or other felonies. [Fact Sheet](#)

### **AB 333 (KAMLAGER) The Step Forward Act - Gang Enhancements**

**Assembly Bill 333** would begin to address the harm caused by the widespread and indiscriminate use of gang enhancements that can lead to arbitrary, excessive prison sentences that are disproportionately used against people of color. [Fact Sheet](#)

### **SB 383 (CORTESE) Juvenile Justice Diversion Act**

**Senate Bill 383** will increase access to diversion programs for youth that commit non-violent felonies and remove procedural barriers that restrict diversion services for youth who commit a crime in a county that is not their county of residence.

### **AB 624 (BAUER-KAHAN) Youth Fair Process Act - Juvenile Transfer to Adult Court**

**Assembly Bill 624** strengthens the existing mechanism for review of a juvenile court's order transferring a youth from juvenile to adult court, based on a writ petition filed by the youth's lawyer. [Fact Sheet](#)

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## **AB 1127 (SANTIAGO AND QUIRK) Juvenile Three Strike Reform**

**Assembly Bill 1127** takes an offense committed as a juvenile out of consideration for an extended sentence under the Three Strikes Law. It is a move toward reform of overly punitive and racially unjust sentencing practices. [Fact Sheet](#)

## Education

### **AB 103 (HOLDEN) College and Career Access Pathways for Justice-Impacted Youth**

**Assembly Bill 103** would allow juvenile court schools, through the county offices of education, to participate in College and Career Access Pathways partnerships as local school districts do. [Fact Sheet](#)

## Policing & Law Enforcement

### **AB 118 (KAMLAGER) Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems**

**Assembly Bill 118** creates the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (C.R.I.S.E.S.) Act pilot grant program to invest in community-based responses as alternatives to police responses to local emergencies, including public health crises, mental health crises, intimate partner violence, natural disasters, and community violence. [Fact Sheet](#)

### **AB 655 (KALRA) California Law Enforcement Accountability Reform Act**

**Assembly Bill 655** would exempt from confidentiality the record of any sustained complaint that a peace officer has engaged in membership in a hate group, participation in hate group activities, or public expressions of hate; certain findings would disqualify a person from employment. [Fact Sheet](#)

### **AB 1165 (GIPSON, RIVAS, BONTA, CARILLO, CHAU, HOLDEN, LEE, SONTE, TING)**

#### **Tear Gas Ban in Juvenile Facilities**

**Assembly Bill 1165** would prohibit the use or storage of chemical agents such as tear gas in juvenile facilities, thus ending the use of these substances to create a punitive, fear-inducing environment.

[Fact Sheet](#)