

2027 Legislative Proposals

1. Veterans Family Wellness and Justice Act

Proposal:

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- Veteran-informed family court and family-support framework.
- Identification of Veterans and military-connected families.
- Coordination with VA, CalVet, county Veterans agencies, behavioral-health providers, family-support programs, and community resources.
- Consideration of military documentation, family-care arrangements, service-connected disabilities, PTSD, TBI, MST, and other military-specific circumstances.
- Behavioral-health and suicide-prevention intervention.
- Domestic-violence and family-safety considerations.
- Family preservation and early intervention.
- Coordinated wraparound services.
- Potential California grants and pilot programs.
- State, county, federal, and interagency coordination.
- Data collection, research, and evaluation.

2. Veteran Parent Identification, Accountability and Family Preservation Act

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- Identification of Veterans interacting with family and child-welfare systems.
- Connection to Veteran-specific services and resources.
- Family preservation and early intervention.
- Data collection and accountability.
- Building upon prior California Veteran-identification legislation.
- Coordination among California child-welfare agencies, CalVet, VA, county Veterans services, and other Veteran-serving entities.

3. Parent-Child Relationship Recovery, Mental Health, and Campus Access Act

Proposal:

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- Prolonged disruption of parent-child relationships.
- Early intervention and recovery counseling.
- Behavioral-health services.
- Family preservation and reunification when safe and appropriate.
- School and campus access.
- Cross-system education and training.
- Appropriate terminology concerning parent-child and family relational problems.

4. Minor's Counsel Accountability and Transparency Act

Proposal:

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- Standards governing minor's counsel.
- Written reports, recommendations, and timely notice.
- Identification of the factual basis for recommendations.
- Distinction between verified, disputed, and unverified information.
- Minimum communication and investigation standards.
- Training, continuing education, transparency, and accountability.

5. California Intentional Interference with the Parent-Child Relationship Act

Proposal:

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- Protecting lawful parent-child relationships.
- Early intervention before prolonged family separation.

- Appropriate remedies and family-centered solutions.
- Mental-health and family-stability considerations.
- Interaction with existing custody and visitation systems.

6. California Participant Recording and Accountability Act

Proposal:

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- Recording and documentation within proceedings and interactions.
- Transparency and accountability.
- Existing statutory restrictions and procedural considerations.
- Access to accurate records.

7. Crime Victim Response and Law Enforcement Accountability Act

Proposal:

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- Post-separation abuse and high-risk family circumstances.
- Homicide-suicide and familicide prevention.
- Family court and law-enforcement intersections.
- Earlier identification and intervention.
- Cross-system coordination.
- Military and Veteran considerations.

8. Child and Family Relationship Identification and Verification Act

Proposal:

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- Replaces the broad use of “custodial parent” and “noncustodial parent” labels with more accurate information identifying the person’s actual relationship to the child.
- Separately identifies residence, parenting time, decision-making authority, legal rights, and any court-ordered restrictions rather than using a single label that can inaccurately imply parental status or authority.
- Addresses access to medical and educational records and related parental rights.
- Establishes transparency, accountability, complaint, and enforcement mechanisms when a parent or family relationship is inaccurately identified or a lawful parent is improperly denied rights or access.
- Establishes a Private Right of Action and Statutory Damages.
- Builds on terminology reforms undertaken in other states while establishing a comprehensive California approach across covered systems.

9. Civilian Judicial Oversight, Accountability, Immunity Elimination, and Family Rights Protection Act

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- Establishes independent civilian judicial oversight and accountability mechanisms for California’s judiciary.
- Addresses judicial immunity where judicial misconduct, abuse of authority, constitutional violations, or actions outside lawful authority are alleged.
- Strengthens transparency, complaint review, investigation, and accountability procedures for judicial misconduct.
- Addresses conflicts of interest involving judicial decision-making, judicial governance, professional organizations, advisory roles, and legislative advocacy.
- Establishes safeguards when Family Court substantially restricts or suspends an established parent-child relationship, including required findings, defined duration, restoration requirements, deadlines, and mandatory review.
- Provides independent investigative authority to identify and address patterns and systemic judicial misconduct.