

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2417 (Ting) - Juveniles: Youth Bill of Rights]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2417, Juveniles: Youth Bill of**  
4 **Rights, authored by Assembly Member Phil Ting, to extend the protections outlined in**  
5 **the Youth Bill of Rights to youth confined in any juvenile justice facility.**

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7 WHEREAS, Existing law establishes the Youth Bill of Rights, which includes the right to  
8 live in a safe, healthy, and clean environment conducive to treatment and rehabilitation, to  
9 contact attorneys, ombudspersons, and other advocates regarding conditions of confinement  
10 or violations of rights, and to receive a quality education; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2020, the state legislature passed California Senate Bill No. 823,  
12 Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration (SB 823),  
13 establishing the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and ending intake at the  
14 state Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) on June 30, 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2021, the state legislature passed California Senate Bill No. 92,  
16 Juvenile Justice (SB 92), mandating the closure of the DJJ by June 30, 2023; and

17 WHEREAS, Youth incarcerated at DJJ have a Bill of Rights and state law requires  
18 youth are informed of these rights; and

19 WHEREAS, Starting in 2023, all incarcerated youth will be held in county facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, When the DJJ closes, the Youth Bill of Rights will no longer exist; and

21 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 2417 (AB 2417) would extend these  
22 protections to youth incarcerated in local facilities, requiring youth be informed of these rights  
23 and that a mechanism, the Division of the Ombudsperson of the Office of Youth and  
24 Community Restoration, exist for youth to report violations of those rights; and

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1           WHEREAS, This bill would require that youth be provided with a document outlining  
2 these rights and that local facilities post these rights; and

3           WHEREAS, This bill outlines protections that already exist under the law such as  
4 freedom from harassment, access to adequate medical services, and protections against  
5 discrimination based on gender expression and/or immigration status; and

6           WHEREAS, AB 2417 passed though the Assembly Public Safety Committee with  
7 bipartisan support; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors is committed to juvenile justice reform and  
9 protecting the rights of all juvenile justice involved youth; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors announces its support for  
11 Assembly Bill No. 2417, Juveniles: Youth Bill of Rights; and, be it

12          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California Governor  
13 Gavin Newsom to sign Assembly Bill No. 2417 into law; and, be it

14          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the  
15 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Governor, California State  
16 Legislature as well as the bill's primary sponsor, California Assembly Member Phil Ting no  
17 later than 30 days upon passage of this Resolution.

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