



## **LARRP's State Policy Priorities 2020** **September 30, 2020 Update (7:00PM)**

The Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP) is a countywide network of reentry focused non-profit organizations, public agencies, and advocates that works to ensure that our reentry system meets the needs of our agencies, communities, and the people we serve, both in terms of capacity and public policy.

LARRP applauds Governor Newsom's signature on key bills that reduce recidivism, improve public safety and advance racial and social justice, but is disappointed by some late vetoes and the demise of some good bills that did not make it to the Governor's desk.

### **Just Signed by Governor Newsom:**

- [\*\*AB 1196 \(Gibson\)\*\*](#) - This bill will prohibit a law enforcement agency from authorizing the use of a carotid restraint or a choke hold, as defined.
- [\*\*AB 1950 \(Kamlager\)\*\*](#) - This bill provides a court may not impose a term of probation longer than two years for a felony conviction and one year for a misdemeanor conviction.
- [\*\*AB 2077 \(Ting\)\*\*](#) - To stem the spread of HIV and viral hepatitis, this bill will remove a sunset from an existing law allowing pharmacies to sell and adults to possess sterile syringes for personal use without a prescription.
- [\*\*AB 2147 \(Reyes\)\*\*](#) - Creates a process for people who served as firefighters while in prison to expunge their convictions and obtain jobs.
- [\*\*AB 2342 \(McCarthy\)\*\*](#) - This bill will allow people on parole to earn credits, similar to Proposition 57. By incentivizing people on parole to continue their rehabilitation through education, self-help programs, volunteering, and staying disciplinary-free, we are promoting public safety through their success.
- [\*\*AB 3070 \(Weber\)\*\*](#) - This bill will prohibit a party from using a peremptory challenge to remove a prospective juror on the basis of the prospective juror's race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, or religious affiliation.
- [\*\*SB 855 \(Wiener\)\*\*](#) - This bill will have deleted various crimes relating to controlled substances, including, but not limited to, the crimes described above, from those prohibitions against granting probation or a suspended sentence.

### **Still on the Governor's desk and waiting to be signed:**

- [SB 369 \(Hertzberg\)](#) - This bill will create a California Reentry Commission (CRC) that would be charged with ensuring that people returning home from prisons and jails are able to successfully reintegrate back into the community and safely shelter in place

**Members of LARRP remain disappointed by the many excellent bills that did not make it to the Governor's desk or received his veto, including:**

- [AB 362 \(died in Senate\)](#) - This bill would have granted the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco the discretion to authorize overdose prevention programs where adults may use controlled substances under supervision of staff trained to prevent and treat overdose, prevent HIV and hepatitis infection, and facilitate entry into drug treatment and other services.
- [AB 2205 \(died in Assembly\)](#) - This bill would have added two additional members, a probation officer or deputy probation officer & a person living with a felony conviction, to the Board of State and Community Corrections.
- [AB 2978 \(died in Assembly\)](#) - This bill would have allowed individuals with an eligible conviction dating back to 1973 to have their record automatically cleared when a person has fully completed the terms of their sentence.
- [ACR-125 \(died in Senate\)](#) - This measure would have urged policy makers policymakers in both federal and state government to explore ways to promote the development and use of new technologies to reduce bias and discrimination in hiring and help reduce discrimination in employment in California, as provided.
- [SB 378 \(Wiener\) Probation Alternatives for Drug Offenses \(Died in Assembly\)](#) - This bill would delete various crimes relating to controlled substances, including, but not limited to, the crimes described above, from those prohibitions against granting probation or a suspended sentence.

The LARRP Policy and Legal Committee reviewed over 50 state bills, prioritized 12 for immediate action, which included letters of opposition/support sent to bill authors and Los Angeles delegation members, phone calls, social media targeting and network action alerts.

The LARRP Policy and Legal Committee seeks to be a resource to inform and mobilize the reentry community around critical reentry policy issues and leverage the expertise of practitioners and impacted people into the policy making process. The Committee develops and advocates for the passage and implementation of legislative and administrative policies that improve opportunities for formerly incarcerated or convicted people, their families and communities, and the community-based agencies that serve them. Priority bill selection is guided by 3 questions:

1. Will it have a direct impact on the lives of impacted people?
2. Does it address reentry systems or services?
3. Does it reduce racial discrimination in the criminal legal system?

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