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The Honorable Jerry Hill  
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**Re: SB 1106 (Hill) – Young adults: deferred entry of judgment pilot program.  
As Amended March 19, 2018 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hill,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state's counties, writes in support of Senate Bill 1106, which extends the operative date of the existing Transitional Age Youth pilot program to January 1, 2022, and expands the scope of the program to include Ventura County.

Research shows that offenders between the age of 18 and 21, who are still undergoing significant cognitive brain development, can be better served by local juvenile detention facilities that offer age appropriate intensive services. Research has also shown people do not fully develop adult-quality decision-making skills until their early 20's. Because of this, these young adults are more likely to engage in risk-seeking behavior. Local juvenile detention facilities offers services specifically tailored to the needs of adolescents including, cognitive behavioral therapy, mental health treatment, vocational training, and education, as well as other programming intended to specifically address the needs of the emerging adolescent brain.

By extending the existing Transitional Age Youth pilot program until January 1, 2022 and including Ventura County to the list of authorized counties, SB 1106 will allow more young adult offenders to be housed in local juvenile detention facilities, instead of adult local detention facilities, where they will have access to these services.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports SB 1106. Should have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jdevencenzi@counties.org](mailto:jdevencenzi@counties.org) or 916.650.8131.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Devencenzi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Legislative Representative