

AB 1886(Elhawary) End Endless Probation for All Youth

Extending AB 1376
Protections to Foster Youth &
Youth Exiting SYTFs



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Our Goal

Extend AB 1376
(2025) protections
to foster youth on
probation

Establish clear
timelines and review
standards for youth
exiting SYTFs



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Why This Matters

- **Current law creates a two-tiered system:**
 - Youth at home receive clear probation timelines
 - Foster youth and SYTF youth face open-ended supervision, lacking predictable discharge timelines
- **Probation length is driven by housing status—not rehabilitation or public safety.**



Who Is Affected

- **371 foster youth were in placement through probation (October 1, 2025)**
 - That number doesn't reflect all foster youth impacted by the bill since there are foster youth who are in placement through the child welfare system who are also on probation in "dual status counties"

**Youth of Color,
Girls,
and LGBTQ Youth are
overrepresented**

- **650 youth (average daily population in 2025) housed in SYTFs**



Harms of Endless Probation

- **Damage to physical and mental health**
 - **Disrupted education and permanency**
 - **Deeper system involvement**
 - **Worse long-term outcomes**
 - **Decreased public safety**
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- **Research shows shorter, tailored probation improves outcomes and safety.**



The Solution

- This bill applies AB 1376 (2025) principles to all non-custodial probation youth by:
 - Establishing a 12-month baseline probation term
 - Requiring court findings for any extension
 - Mandating 6-month review hearings
 - Notably, youth exiting SYTFs and foster youth **already** are statutorily **required to attend court every 6 months**
 - No increase the number of court dates
 - Would likely **decrease the number of court dates** due to the number of youth who would spared needless supervision
 - Allows for a better use of resources and funds



Individualized & Developmentally Appropriate Conditions

- **Conditions must be realistic, proportional, and trauma-informed**
- **Focused on rehabilitation—not surveillance**
- **Courts must make findings on the record**



What This Bill Does **NOT** Do

- **Does not impact youth currently in custody**
- **Does not eliminate probation**
- **Does not reduce court oversight**

It DOES improve accountability and fairness.

