

Association of California Cities
Orange County



Action Alert

The ACC-OC Legislative & Regulatory Committee has taken a position on pending legislation. This has been identified as a priority for Orange County and a letter has been sent. We request that your City also send a letter to amplify the concerns of Orange County cities.

BILL: [SENATE BILL 904](#)

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

BILL TITLE: **Controlled substances: treatment (Bates)**

BILL BRIEF: This bill seeks to address the ongoing opioid epidemic by clarifying the standards of controlled substance education and treatment programs for probationers and divertees. These standards, which are vague and undefined in current law, would be clarified to include information on the effects of controlled substances on the brain and body, how to recognize and respond to the signs of a drug overdose, and the dangers of using controlled substances.

This bill would require the court or probation department to refer defendants to programs that adhere to these specified standards. These standards would also apply to the education and counseling required for divertees in drug diversion programs.

This bill requires a court, upon conviction of any felony in which the defendant is sentenced to state prison for a violation of any controlled substance offense, in addition to any other terms of imprisonment, fine, and conditions, to recommend in writing that the defendant participates in a controlled substance education or treatment program that complies with the standards outlined above.

SB 904 has passed the Senate Committee on Public Safety and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Thank you!