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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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ASSEMBLY BILL 1186: RESTITUTION FEES

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— Pursuant to <u>Assembly Bill 1186</u>, legislation vacates restitution fine debt older than 10 years, prohibits the assessment of youth restitution fines, and requires courts to assign several liability for restitution orders among juvenile co-offenders rather than holding them jointly and severally liable.

Effective January 1, 2025, the following changes will take effect:

- Courts will no longer assess state restitution fines on minors or their parents/guardians, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 730.6(a)(2).
- The unpaid balance of those court-imposed state restitution fines older than 10 years (pursuant to PC § 1202.4(b)) is unenforceable and uncollectible. All cases with an outstanding balance for the above noted fees will be adjusted to repeal the outstanding balance of those fees, in accordance with Penal Code section 1465.9(d) and Welfare and Institutions Code section 223.2(d).
- Juvenile co-offenders will be held severally liable for victim restitution, with judges assigning fault percentages based on individual culpability or equally dividing responsibility when fault cannot be clearly determined, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 730.6(b)(3).

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