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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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TO: ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL EMERGENCY RESPONSE STAFF
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: ERRATUM TO SENATE BILL (SB) 578: REMOVALS

REFERENCE: [SENATE BILL \(SB\) 578 \(CHAPTER 618, STATUTES of 2023\)](#);
[ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 2083 \(CHAPTER 815, STATUTES OF 2018\)](#); [AB 153 \(CHAPTER 86, STATUTES OF 2021\)](#);
[ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE \(ACIN\) NO. I-21-24E](#);
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTIONS 300](#);
[WIC 315](#); [WIC 319](#); [WIC 361.3](#); [WIC 361.31](#);
[CHILD WELFARE SERVICES SYSTEM OVERVIEW](#);
[MANUAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES \(MPP\) DIVISION 31](#)
[REGULATIONS 31-105](#);
[MPP DIVISION 31 REGULATIONS 31-320](#);
[INTEGRATED CORE PRACTICE MODEL GUIDE](#);
[SYSTEM OF CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH](#); [TITLE 25](#),
[UNITED STATES CODE CHAPTER 21, SECTION 1901 ET SEQ](#)

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Specifically, if it is known or there is reason to know the child is an Indian Child, the detention report must also include the following:

- A statement detailing the risk of imminent physical harm to the Indian Child, along with evidence supporting the need for emergency detention or placement to prevent such harm.

- The actions taken to notify the child's parents, custodians, and Tribe about the hearing including both successful and attempted contacts with designated and Tribal representatives. This should also be documented in the case record.
- If the child's parents or Indian custodians are unknown, a detailed explanation of efforts made to locate and contact them, including outreach to the appropriate Bureau of Indian Affairs regional director.
- The residence and domicile of the Indian Child.
- If the child's residence or domicile is believed to be on a reservation or in an Alaska Native village, the name of the Tribe associated with that location.
- The Tribal affiliation of the child and the parents or Indian custodians.
- A detailed account of the circumstances that led to the Indian Child being taken into temporary custody.
- If the child is believed to reside or be domiciled on a reservation where the Tribe has exclusive jurisdiction over child custody matters, a statement outlining the efforts made to contact the Tribe and transfer the child to the Tribe's jurisdiction must be included.
- A statement of the active and reasonable efforts made to help the parents or Indian custodians so that the Indian Child can be safely returned to their custody.
- The steps taken to consult and collaborate with the Tribe, and the results of that collaboration.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Safety and Early Intervention Bureau at (916) 651-6160 or by sending an email to childprotection@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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cc: All Federally Recognized Tribes
County Welfare Directors Association of California
Chief Probation Officers of California