LOS ANGELES REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
2025 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NEW LAWS TRAINING

Other Bills of Interest

★ **AB1888**, Arambula. Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: Labor Trafficking Unit. Establishes the Labor Trafficking Unit (LTU) within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive labor trafficking reports from law enforcement agencies and other entities and refer these reports to appropriate agencies for investigation, prosecution, or other remedies.

★ **AB 2108**, Ramos. Foster care: missing children and nonminor dependents. This bill, the Luke Madrigal Act, would, among other things, additionally require the social worker or probation officer, when they receive information that a child receiving child welfare services is missing from foster care, to immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the receipt of that information, notify specified entities or persons, including the local law enforcement agency and the child's or nonminor dependent's parents or guardians, except as specified.

The bill would define missing from foster care to mean the whereabouts of a child subject to an order of foster care placement are unknown to the county child welfare agency or probation department, or when the county child welfare agency or probation department has located a child subject to an order of foster care placement in a location not approved by the court that may pose a risk to the child, as specified. The bill would include a nonminor dependent in this definition if, based on the totality of the circumstances, the county child welfare agency or probation department suspects that the nonminor dependent did not voluntarily leave foster care or is at risk of substantial harm.

★ **AB 2308**, Davies & S Nguyen. Protective Orders. This bill would authorize a court to issue a criminal protective order for up to 15 years upon conviction of Penal Code section 273.5(a)(willful infliction of corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition upon a qualifying victim in a domestic relationship), when that order is issued under the authority of section 273.5(j). The bill would authorize the issuing court, upon a written petition by the prosecuting attorney, defendant, or victim, to modify or terminate the protective order for good cause if the parties receive notice at least 15 days before the hearing on the petition.

★ **AB 2422**, Grayson. Department of Financial Protection and Innovation: online resources: financial abuse: domestic violence victims. This bill would require the department, commencing on or before January 1, 2027, to make available to financial institutions and the general public online resources related to financial abuse of victims of domestic violence for the purpose of protecting the survivor's assets and resources, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to utilize existing internet websites, links, and other online resources and materials from state government departments, nonprofit organizations, and community groups, as appropriate, in order to meet the requirement to make the online resources available.

★ **AB 2499**, Schiavo. unlawful discrimination and paid sick days: victims of violence. Entitles an employee of an employer with 25 or more employees who is a victim or who has a family member who is a victim of a crime to job protected leave to attend to their or their family member's needs and ensure their safety. Additionally permits both an employee victim and an employee who has a family member who is a victim to use sick leave for time off to obtain victim services. The total leave taken may be capped at 12 weeks.

★ **AB 3138**, Wilson. Vehicle identification and registration: license plates. This bill would authorize any vehicle, beginning on January 1, 2027, to be offered an alternative device to a license plate or registration card that

includes vehicle location technology. The bill would specify requirements for how vehicle location technology is disabled or enabled and prohibit an alternative device from recording or transmitting personal identifiable information, as specified. The bill would require the department to delete data from an alternative device or the provider of an alternative device that the department is not authorized to receive. The bill would expand the types of specialized license plates that may be replicated on an alternative device.

★ **SB 690**, S Rubio. Known as the Phoenix Act 2.0, this bill extends the statute of limitations for Penal Code section 273.5(a) from 5 to 7 years and builds upon prior legislation of Senator Rubio, SB 273, which extended the statute of limitations for 273.5(a) from 3 to 5 years.

★ **SB 902**, Roth. Firearms: public safety.This bill provides that any person who is convicted on or after January 1, 2025 of a misdemeanor violation of specified animal cruelty crimes and who within 10 years of conviction owns, purchases, receives, or possesses any firearm is guilty of a misdemeanor.

★ **SB 951**, Durazo. Increasing Paid Family Leave and Disability Insurance benefits for California workers. A 2022 law, SB 951 reaches full implementation January 1, 2025, bringing increases to wage replacement rates for Paid Family Leave and State Disability Insurance. Lower-income workers can receive up to 90% of their wages, while middle-income workers will see their benefits increase to 70%, making it easier for more Californians to take time off to care for family or recover from illness.

★ **SB 989**, Ashby. Domestic Violence, deaths. This bill 1) authorizes family members of a deceased individual to obtain copies of photos and other specified media related to the body of the individual for use in a civil action, as specified; 2) clarifies the requirement that coroners must inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner, and cause of death in suicides to include suicides where the individual has a history of being victimized by domestic violence, as specified; 3) requires law enforcement officers, prior to

making findings as to the manner and cause of death of a deceased individual with an identifiable history of domestic violence to interview family members or close friends of the decedent if three or more "red flag" factors, as defined, are present; 4) authorizes law enforcement to request a complete autopsy in cases where the decedent had a history of being victimized by domestic violence if *any* of the "red flag" conditions exist; 5) defines the "red flag" conditions; 6) requires sworn law enforcement personnel investigating a death where the decedent has an identifiable history of being victimized by domestic violence to be currrent in their domestic violence training; 7) requires domestic violence guidelines developed by POST for law enforcement to include the specified "red flag" indicators of domestic homicide in suspicious death cases, techniques in the identification of staged crime scenes, and working with multidisciplinary teams in domestic violence cases; 8) mandates that family members of the deceased have access to all victim services and support during the investigation and review; 9) mandates that family members or their legal counsel have the right to request any records of the investigation, as specified, if the local law enforcement agency finds that the death is not a homicide and closes the case.

"Identifiable history of being victimized by domestic violence" means demonstrable past incidents of being victimized by domestic violence that may be verified by prior police reports, written or photographic documentation, restraining order declarations, eyewitness statements, or other evidence that corroborates a history of such incident.

★ **SB 1356**, Wahab. Judiciary, training, gender bias. This bill strengthens existing gender bias training by requiring the Judicial Council, if and when it offers gender bias training, to consider the role of gender in court proceedings, including strategies to counter stereotypes, taking into account inequities in power and their intersection with gender, and meeting the needs of litigants in unique situations of vulnerability when developing such training.