SCOPO Legislative Update September 1, 2015

SB 124 (Leno) regarding solitary confinement has been held in Assembly Appropriations. SCOPO has been leading the opposition of this bill, and SB 9 (Yee) from a couple of years ago. A big thank you to Ralph Miller for weighing in with Appropriations Chair Jimmy Gomez, who was also helpful to our cause a couple of years ago when we were also able to kill the bill in appropriations.

AB 989 (Cooper) SCOPO's sponsored bill regarding juvenile records will likely come up for a vote this week by the full Senate. I expect the bill to reach the Governor's desk late this week or early next week.

AB 303 (Gonzalez) regarding strip searches in juvenile facilities which SCOPO supports will come up for a vote in the full Senate this week as well. I expect it to reach the Governor's desk later this week.

AB 546 (Gonzalez) regarding POST certification for probation officers was signed by Governor Brown on August 13. SCOPO also supported this bill that will expand opportunities for POST training and certification for prospective and new probation officers.

All in all, SCOPO has had a very good legislative year so far. Alberto Torrico SCOPO Legislative Advocate