

SB 817 IMPLEMENTATION

Toolkit for Ending Juvenile Fees & Fines

Oregon Senate Bill 817 (SB 817) repeals authority to assess or collect fees and fines related to a youth's involvement in the juvenile delinquency system and requires that all unpaid juvenile fees and fines be discharged. This law does **not** affect restitution obligations. SB 817 was signed into law on July 19, 2021.

This toolkit is meant to help agencies and organizations implement SB 817, and includes the following resources:



Implementation Checklist: A comprehensive checklist to help agencies comply with the letter and spirit of SB 817.



Impacted Statutes: A technical list of all relevant statutes amended or eliminated by SB 817 to help agencies determine whether they currently assess or collect any fees and fines eliminated by SB 817.

Why End Juvenile Fees & Fines?

Research shows that juvenile fees and fines perpetuate cycles of poverty and undermine the financial and emotional well-being of youth and their families. They also disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and low-income families. Furthermore, juvenile fees and fines net little or no revenue for the government entities that assess and collect them. Learn more [here](#).

When does SB 817 go into effect?

Effective **September 26, 2021**, fees and fines may not be ordered or assessed.

Effective **January 1, 2022**, all fees and fines judgments are considered null and void and satisfied. There is no right to reimbursement for prior payments.



If you are unsure whether your agency is affected by SB 817 or need technical assistance with implementation, please contact Youth, Rights & Justice at info@youthrightsjustice.org or (503) 232-2540.

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Implementation Checklist

This checklist outlines necessary steps to end the assessment and collection of all juvenile fees and fines in compliance with SB 817.

1. End All Assessment

- End assessment of all juvenile fees on September 26, 2021
- Stop ordering juvenile fines on September 26, 2021

2. End All Collections

- Cease solicitation of payment for previously assessed fees & fines, including from debt collectors on January 1, 2022

3. Discharge Debts

- All fees and fines judgements are considered paid in full effective January 1, 2022
- Write off accounts receivable balances for juvenile fees as satisfied
- Confirm satisfaction of judgements with collections agencies and individuals subject to judgements

4. Notify Impacted Families

- By mail and/or email, inform youth and families that:
 - Juvenile fees and fines will not be assessed or collected
 - Unpaid fees and fines will be discharged on January 1, 2022
 - Provide the amount that was discharged due to SB 817

- Where applicable, provide remaining balance owed due to restitution and their rights regarding restitution payments

See example notice from California [here](#).

5. Update External & Internal References

- Update webpages, brochures, payment platforms and relevant sites to inform visitors that:
 - Juvenile fees and fines will not be assessed after September 26, 2021
 - Unpaid fees and fines will be discharged starting January 1, 2022



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Impacted Statutes

Eliminated Fees	Statute(s)
Probation supervision	ORS 419C.446, ORS 419C.449, ORS 137.533
Probation violations	ORS 137.533, ORS 137.540
Extradition	ORS 419C.570
Court appointed counsel; cost of determining eligibility for court appointed counsel	ORS 161.665, ORS 419A.211, ORS 419C.203, ORS 419C.203, ORS 419C.535, ORS 419C.540 ORS 419C.020, ORS 151.485
Mental health evaluation	ORS 419C.380, ORS 419C.570
Costs of collection	ORS 1.202
Filing fees for petitions for expunction, relief from sex offender registration, or other delinquency matters	ORS 21.135
Copy of prepared transcript	ORS 419A.256
Formal accountability agreements	ORS 419C.230
Blood or saliva samples	ORS 419C.473
HIV or STI testing	ORS 419C.475
Diversion for a DUI	ORS 813.240
Driver's license suspension	ORS 813.267
Failure to pay fees	ORS 419C.570
Appointed counsel, evaluation, and treatment for a hearing about a parent's substance use	ORS 419C.575

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Repealed Statutes (Cont.)

Eliminated Fees (Cont.)	Statute(s)
DHS services related to incest and sexual abuse	ORS 409.220
Parenting program ordered in connection with a delinquency proceeding	ORS 419C.573
Child support for youth in OYA custody	ORS 419C.020, ORS 419C.590, ORS 419C.595
Intercepting and subrogating any benefits due to a youth in an OYA facility	ORS 419C.597
General court costs	ORS 419C.020
Eliminated Fines	Statute(s)
Offenses that carry fines in adult court, including compensatory fines	ORS 419C.459
Minor in possession	ORS 471.430
Truancy	ORS 339.990
Parental fine in a delinquency case	ORS 419C.573

SB 817 does not affect:

- Restitution eligibility or obligations to pay
- Fees and fines in adult court
- Payment for services by public or private insurance providers



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