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ENCLOSURE A

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
LOCAL REALIGNMENT MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE) REDUCTION
Pursuant to Chapter 6, Statutes of 1996 (SB 681)
Fiscal Year 1996-97

Statewide	$25,000,000
Alameda	1,587,222
Alpine	0
Amador	0
Butte	139,538
Calaveras	3,697
Colusa	4,134
Contra Costa	555,784
Del Norte	6,418
El Dorado	8,490
Fresno	491,433
Glenn	5,217
Humboldt	22,526
Imperial	9,633
Inyo	12,268
Kern	383,045
Kings	17,767
Lake	20,754
Lassen	0
Los Angeles	8,468,504
Madera	4,335
Marin	272,286
Mariposa	1,707
Mendocino	14,831
Merced	137,258
Modoc	0
Mono	3,677
Monterey	273,927
Napa	64,957
Nevada	15,887
Orange	1,767,083
Placer	119,284
Plumas	3,946
Riverside	778,156
Sacramento	905,665
San Benito	15,191
San Bernardino	947,628
San Diego	1,631,850
San Francisco	1,413,172
San Joaquin	547,021
San Luis Obispo	172,494
San Mateo	759,801
Santa Barbara	331,197
Santa Clara	797,931
Santa Cruz	169,027
Shasta	137,190
Sierra	0
Siskiyou	3,806
Solano	385,178
Sonoma	288,107
Stanislaus	332,810
Sutter/Yuba	11,727
Tehama	13,343
Trinity	3,046
Tulare	171,821
Tuolumne	10,306
Ventura	528,198
Yolo	194,059
Berkeley City	0
Tri-City	35,668

Enclosure B

COMPUTATION OF MONTHLY MOE FUNDS

I. Pre SB 681 MOE for 96-97 = $12,000

Monthly Deposit = $ 1,000

Deposits made July 1996
through Dec. 1996 = $ 6,000

II. Post SB 681 MOE for 96-97 = $ 9,000

COMPUTATION:

$9,000	Reduced 96-97 MOE
- $6,000	6 Months Deposit (July through Dec.)
$3,000	Balance due for Jan. 1997 through June 1997

$3,000/6 = $500 Monthly deposit

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