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To: California Law Enforcement Agencies

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Subject: **AB 109:   Release Decision Guidance Tools**

For years many jails in California have dealt with the unmanageable situation of too many inmates and not enough beds. The math is simple, one inmate, one bed, one day. But when the number of bed days exceeds capacity how is it decided who stays and who is released?

With the introduction and impending implementation of Assembly Bill 109, jail over-crowding only stands to get worse. This adds additional stress to those jails having a high percentage of pre-trial and pre-sentence offenders awaiting their next hearing from an overburdened court system. Presently, many jails make their release decisions based on the offender's current offense. Unfortunately, the research is clear that this method does not predict risk to re-offend.

Identification of offenders who are at high risk to re-offend/high probability to return to court must drive release decisions. Fortunately, through the use of validated, actuarial risk assessment tools, corrections officials can better identify those high-risk offenders. The choices must be made, inmates will be released. Shouldn't those choices be made on solid, validated information obtained from a quality risk assessment?

Assessments.com offers a variety of web-based risk assessment tools, which provide you with decision-making information you need to insure public safety, while meeting your obligations to reduce the population in your facilities.

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ADC's <u>suite of juvenile assessments</u> includes:
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- *R*-PACT (Residential Positive Achievement Change Tool)
- *YLS/CMI* (Youth-Level of Service/Case Management Inventory) by MHS Inc.
- DRAI (Detention Risk Assessment Instrument)
- *JS*ORRAT-II (Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II)
- *GAIN-SS (*Global Appraisal of Individual Needs - Short Screener).

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- *LSI-R* (Level of Service Inventory-Revised) by MHS Inc.
- *LS/CMI* (Level of Service/Case Management Inventory) by MHS Inc.
- *ORAS (Ohio Risk Assessment System)*
- *ORAS PAT* (Pre-Trial Assessment Tool)
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