


# AB 900


## Extension of Probate Jurisdiction to Protect Immigrant Youth

*New California law that took effect  
January 1, 2016*

### What is the purpose of AB 900?

 Allows newcomer youth ages 18-20 to have a guardian appointed to assist them in adjusting to life in the U.S. and accessing services



 Closes the gap between state and federal law to allow youth ages 18-20 in California to access Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), an important form of humanitarian immigration relief that puts youth on a path to get legal status



### What does AB 900 do?



With consent of the youth, allows court to appoint a guardian for unmarried youth ages 18-20 in connection with an SIJS petition



With consent of the youth, allows court to extend existing guardianships up to 21 years of age to allow youth to complete SIJS process with the federal government