

Sentencing and Corrections Reforms in Justice Reinvestment States

		2013				2012					2011					2010			2009		2008					2007					
Policy Reform		OR	SD	WV	KS	MO	DE	GA	PA	HI	OK	AR	KY	AL	LA	NC	OH	SC	NH	MI	IL	WI	AZ	PA	CT	RI	VT	KS	NV	TX	Total
Sentencing/Pretrial	Reclassify/redefine drug offenses	✓	✓					✓				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓													7
	Reclassify/redefine property offenses	✓	✓					✓				✓	✓				✓	✓													6
	Establish /expand presumptive probation for certain offenses	✓	✓							✓			✓				✓	✓											✓		6
	Revise sentencing enhancements							✓					✓			✓		✓													4
	Revise mandatory minimums	✓						✓		✓					✓			✓													5
	Reduce crack-powder cocaine disparity														✓		✓	✓													2
	Revise sentencing guidelines/establish sentencing commission															✓					✓			✓							3
	Improve pretrial release systems			✓			✓			✓			✓									✓									4
	Establish presentence assessment			✓			✓	✓			✓		✓														✓				6
	Revise drug-free school zone												✓					✓													2
	Authorize risk-reduction sentencing																✓	✓							✓						3
Release	Revise parole hearing/decision/eligibility standards				✓					✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓					✓	✓					10
	Expand good/earned-time prison credits /re-entry leave	✓			✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓								✓		✓	✓		11
	Establish/expand geriatric or medical parole											✓			✓			✓		✓											4
Community Corrections	Establish earned discharge (probation/parole)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓					✓	✓				✓								10
	Authorize performance incentive funding	✓							✓			✓	✓				✓	✓			✓							✓			8
	Authorize administrative jail sanctions			✓	✓	✓						✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓												9
	Authorize graduated responses for violations		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓											✓	✓	13
	Cap revocation time				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓															8
	Establish/improve electronic monitoring			✓				✓				✓	✓		✓												✓				6
	Establish mandatory reentry supervision			✓	✓						✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓												8
	Require/improve risk-needs assessment	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓					15
	Require evidence-based practices		✓				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				✓				✓	✓				✓				✓	11
	Reform/pilot specialty courts (HOPE, drug courts, etc.)	✓	✓	✓				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓																8
	Reduce probation terms										✓																	✓			2
	Improve interventions such as sub abuse/mental health/CBT		✓	✓	✓		✓										✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	13
Sustainability	Require fiscal impact statements	✓	✓										✓					✓			✓										5
	Establish leadership/board qualification requirements														✓			✓													2
	Require data collection/performance measurement	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓									15
	Establish measures to streamline/improve efficiency of system		✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓			✓				✓	✓						11
	Improve restitution/victim notification systems		✓						✓	✓								✓													4
	Establish oversight council	✓	✓			✓		✓										✓													5

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