

Department of Corrections Division of Probation & Parole

Senate Bill 91 Implementation Overview
February 2017

Policy Changes

- ▶ The Division of Probation and Parole (DPP) has expended great effort to ensure compliance with Alaska Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) recommendations associated with relevant provisions of CH. 36 SLA 16 (SB 91)

How did we achieve our implementation goals?

- ▶ DPP has four workgroups creating or updating policies
 - Guided by DPP management, regional chiefs, Criminal Justice Institute, and criminal justice agency stakeholders
 - All PO supervisors and line level POs were included
 - Workgroups met weekly

PO Training and Policy Review

- A mandatory statewide training for all POs was conducted in the fall of 2016 to introduce the SB91 concepts, best practices, and policy framework
- November– December 2016 the DPP team began:
 - Conducting weekly teleconferences called “The Learning Community”
 - Drafting policies, including “Learning Community” feedback
 - Mandatory Web-ex training
 - The process encouraged staff involvement in the new policies and procedures they are to be implementing

ACJC Recommendation #12

Implement Graduated Sanctions and Incentives

- Probation Officers (POs) shall investigate and respond to allegations of positive and negative behaviors by using the Graduated Responses Grid
- Responding to negative behavior can range from informal (PO use of grid) to a formal violation filed with the Court or Parole Board
- POs have been trained to respond to negative behaviors with an intervention, a sanction, or a combination of both

ACJC Recommendation #13

Reduce pre-adjudication length of stay and cap overall incarceration for technical violations

- ▶ First revocation: Up to 3 days
- ▶ Second revocation: Up to 5 days
- ▶ Third revocation: Up to 10 days
- ▶ Fourth and subsequent revocation: Up to the remainder of the sentence
- ▶ Absconding from supervision: Up to 30 days

ACJC Recommendation #14

Earned Compliance Credits

- ▶ Offenders will earn 30 days off their term of supervision for each calendar month they are in compliance with their supervision
- ▶ Offenders will be considered in compliance with their conditions of supervision unless the following disqualifying events occur:
 - Commits a violation of a specific condition that results in a sanction from a PO, Courts, or the Parole Board
 - Refusal to comply with Court/Parole Board ordered treatment
 - Abscond status
 - Incarceration

ACJC Recommendation #15

Early Termination and Discharge of Supervision

- ▶ POs will recommend early termination for any offender who has:
 - Served at least one year (Class C felonies) or two years (Class A and B felonies)
 - Completed treatment requirements
 - Not been found in violation of their supervision for one year (Class C felony) or two years (Class A and B felonies)
 - Is currently in compliance with all conditions of supervision
 - Offenders convicted of unclassified or sex felony offenses or a crime involving domestic violence do not qualify

ACJC Recommendation #16

Extend good time eligibility to offenders on Electronic Monitoring (EM)

- ▶ Staff conducted emergency reviews of time accounting records and issued “good time” to offenders on EM to comply with this mandate

Computer Programming

- ▶ Extensive computer programming occurred to assist in the implement of SB91 provisions
- ▶ A workgroup of management, POs, and programmers created or significantly upgraded offender management modules:
 - Incentive and Sanctions
 - Earned Compliance Credits
 - Community Work Service
 - Fines/Restitution
- ▶ Programming work is ongoing and progressing

Next Steps

- ▶ Continue with the “Learning Community” weekly teleconferences
- ▶ Continue to update policies
- ▶ Continue stakeholder meetings
- ▶ Validation of the risk assessment tool, the Level Service Inventory

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