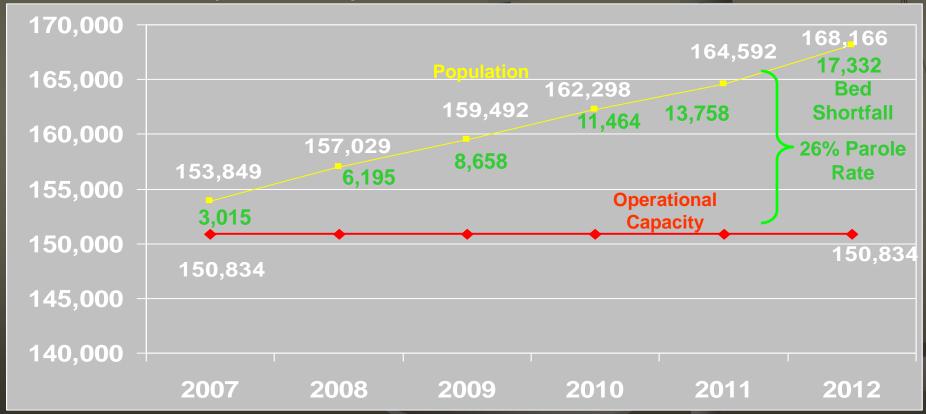# *Legislating for Results: Evidence-based Corrections and Sentencing Policy*

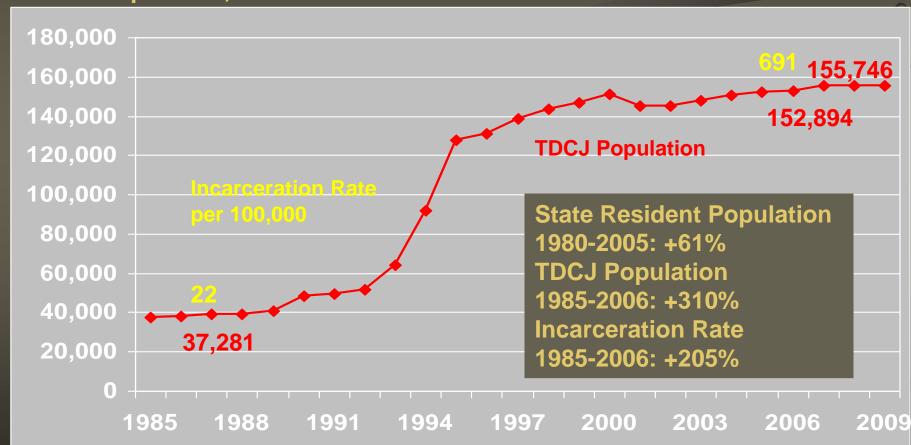## *Representative Jerry A. Madden*

October, 2011

Projected Prison Bed Shortfall at Beginning of Legislative Session in January 2007

Projected TDCJ Population and Capacity 2007-2012, January 2007 LBB Projection

Population

Operational Capacity

Year	Population	Bed Shortfall
2007	153,849	3,015
2008	157,029	6,195
2009	159,492	8,658
2010	162,298	11,464
2011	164,592	13,758
2012	168,166	17,332

17,332 Bed Shortfall

26% Parole Rate

Operational Capacity: 150,834

Chart axis values: 170,000 / 165,000 / 160,000 / 155,000 / 150,000 / 145,000 / 140,000

Prison Population Expansion Has Outpaced State Population Growth

TDCJ Population, 1985-2008

Chart: TDCJ Population, 1985–2008. Y-axis ranges from 0 to 180,000. X-axis years 1985 to 2009.

- **Incarceration Rate per 100,000**
- **22** (1985), **691** (later)
- **TDCJ Population**
- **37,281** (1985), **152,894**, **155,746** (later)

State Resident Population 1980-2005: +61%
TDCJ Population 1985-2006: +310%
Incarceration Rate 1985-2006: +205%

Policies Are Main Driver of Prison Population Growth

Low parole rates

Shortage of probation and parole alternative sanctions and prison treatment programs

Drug Addicts

Mentally Ill Persons

Unemployed Persons

Poor service delivery systems for prevention and re-entry services and failing schools in high stakes neighborhoods

Whitmire/Madden Plan Adds Capacity to Alternative Sanction System

Diversion/Treatment Plans
New Beds / New Program Slots

Probation/Parole Capacity
4,000 beds / 3,000 slots

In-Prison Therapeutic Treatment
500 beds / 1,000 slots
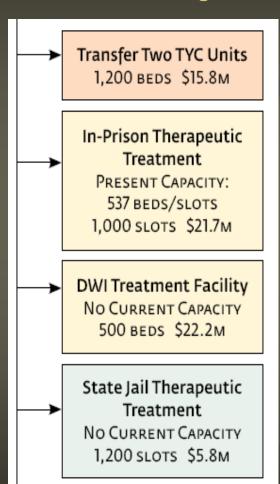
Other Program Capacity
2,700 slots

Other Capacity Adjustments
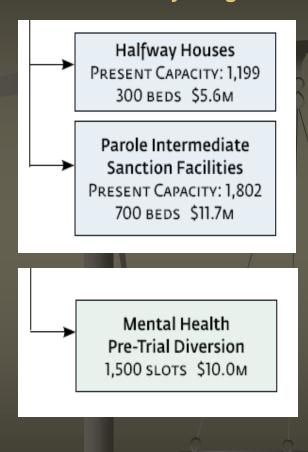1,200 beds

Program and Alternative Capacity

Probation Programs

Institutional Programs

Parole & Re-entry Programs

Probation Programs

Probation Residential Treatment
PRESENT CAPACITY: 2,045
800 BEDS $32.2M

Probation Intermediate Sanction Facilities
PRESENT CAPACITY: 439
700 BEDS $17.0M

Substance Abuse Felony Punishments
(Mainly in lieu of revocation)
PRESENT CAPACITY: 3,250
1,500 BEDS $63.1M

Probation Outpatient Treatment
PRESENT CAPACITY: 3,563
3,000 SLOTS $10.0M

Institutional Programs

Transfer Two TYC Units
1,200 BEDS $15.8M

In-Prison Therapeutic Treatment
PRESENT CAPACITY:
537 BEDS/SLOTS
1,000 SLOTS $21.7M

DWI Treatment Facility
NO CURRENT CAPACITY
500 BEDS $22.2M

State Jail Therapeutic Treatment
NO CURRENT CAPACITY
1,200 SLOTS $5.8M

Parole & Re-entry Programs

Halfway Houses
PRESENT CAPACITY: 1,199
300 BEDS $5.6M

Parole Intermediate Sanction Facilities
PRESENT CAPACITY: 1,802
700 BEDS $11.7M

Mental Health Pre-Trial Diversion
1,500 SLOTS $10.0M

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Cost of Treatment Diversion Initiatives

	# Online	# Beds / Slots	General Appropriations Act 2007	General Appropriations Act 2009
Probation Residential Treatment	672	800 Beds	$32.3	$36.0
Probation Outpatient Sub. Abuse Treatment			$10.0	$10.0
Medically Targeted Sub. Abuse Treatment			$2.0	$5.0
Mental Health – Pre Trial and Jail Diversions			$10.0	$5.0
Probation Intermediate Sanction Facility (ISF)	0	700 Beds	$17.1	$17.3
Parole ISF	273	700 Beds	$11.7	$17.3
In-Prison Therapeutic Community (IPTC)	1,000	1,000 Slots 2007 / 1,400 2009	$21.7	$24.1
Substance Abuse Felony Punishment (SAFP) Treatment	676	1,500 Beds	$63.1	$77.2
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Treatment	500	500 Beds	$22.2	$12.0
Marlin VA Hospital – TDCJ / CMHC	0	200 Beds	$10.3	$10.3
Parole Halfway House	200	300 Beds	$5.6	$7.0
Conversion of TYC Facilities	1,200	1,200 Beds	$15.9	
State Jail Substance Abuse Program	1,200	1,200 Slots	$5.8	$5.8
Transitional Treatment Centers (TTCs)	1,837			
TOTAL			**$227.7**	**$227.0**

Additional Attempt at Addressing Early Interventions with New Resources

SB 156 by Shapiro and Madden

$5.8 million in FY 09 and $8.9 million in FY 11 to intervene with 2,000 families in high risk neighborhoods

Nurse-Family Partnership — Overview
Helping First-Time Parents Succeed

Positive Program Effects Found in First Trial at Child Age 15:

Benefits to Children
- 48% reduction in child abuse and neglect
- 59% reduction in arrests
- 90% reduction in adjudications as PINS (person in need of supervision) for incorrigible behavior

Benefits to Mothers
- 61% fewer arrests
- 72% fewer convictions
- 98% fewer days in jail

Challenge of Program Implementation in a Nutshell

1. Program protocols effectively identify "swingers"

2. Program protocols effectively mix "treatment" "control" and "incentives"

Some Do OK "No Matter What" | **Some "Swingers" "It Matters What"** | **Some NOT Do OK "No Matter What"**

May Do OK | **May Not Do OK**
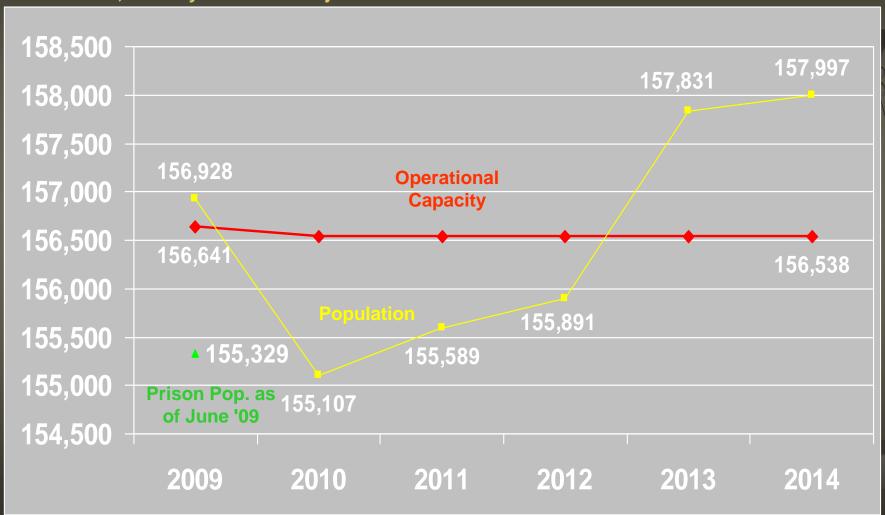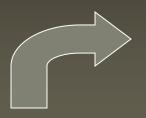
3. Program infrastructure and staff meets quality indicators

4. Community collaboration and partners reduce barriers to success

Prison Bed Projections
January 2009

**Projected TDCJ Population and Capacity
2009-2014, January 2009 LBB Projection**

158,500

158,000

157,500

157,000

156,500

156,000

155,500

155,000

154,500

157,831

157,997

156,928

**Operational
Capacity**

156,641

156,538

Population

155,891

155,589

▲ 155,329

**Prison Pop. as
of June '09**

155,107

2009   2010   2011   2012   2013   2014

Need Strategy to Promote Program Effectiveness

Explosion of Program Resources

Oversight to Identify Infrastructure Weaknesses

Invest in Strengthening Program Development and Accountability

Quickly Measure Early Effectiveness Indicators

Hold Administrator Accountable for Best Practices and Long Term Program Effectiveness Indicators

Target Funding Enhancements in Key Program Areas