

ACHIEVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN THE SOUTH

SB 105: GJP and Probation Reform

THE NEED



Georgia has the **highest rate of individuals under community supervision** (probation & parole) in the country — **1 in 18**.

Georgians spend **more than twice as long** on probation than the national average of 3 years. **40%** of probation sentences **exceed 10 years**.

GJP'S APPROACH

INFORMED BY DIRECT SERVICE

Reform efforts informed by years of individual service to hundreds of clients every year



BUILDING A COALITION

Built a coalition of key partners to identify the best path forward



REACHING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT



Crafted a plan that people across the political spectrum could get behind

BUILDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN PUBLIC & PRIVATE



Motivated Atlanta-based corporations to publicly support SB 105

SB 105 BECOMES LAW

- **25%** of felony probationers qualify for early termination immediately (up to 40,000 people)



- Provides clear set of criteria for early termination

- More individuals will qualify faster
- Provides incentive and hope for people serving a long sentence



- Saves Georgia **\$34 million** per year

NEXT STEPS

Through a strategic implementation strategy, SB105 will help us reach our goal of reducing the number of people on probation by 15%.

Direct Services

Individual support
"Know Your Rights" presentations
Ensure effective implementation

Education & Outreach

Record restriction summits
Informative materials
Knowledge for self-advocacy

Policy Advocacy

Update legislators on SB 105's impact
Monitor data on SB 105's progress
Further probation reform in GA

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SB 288: GJP Expands Expungement

THE NEED

4.3 million people have a Georgia criminal history: ~40% of adults.

Before SB 288, **almost all convictions** stayed on a person's record for life.



GJP'S APPROACH

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Reform efforts informed by years of individual service

GJP represents approximately 500 clients/year



BUILDING A COALITION

Built a coalition of key partners to identify the best path forward

Established the Second Chance for Georgia Campaign and signed on 77 partner organizations and over 1,200 individuals

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SB 288 passed unanimously in Georgia's House & Senate

BUILDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN PUBLIC & PRIVATE

Motivated Atlanta-based corporations to publicly support SB 288:

UPS, Coca-Cola, Home Depot, Newell Brands, McKenney's, Verizon, and Metro Atlanta Chamber



- At least **1.5 million** Georgians newly eligible for **record restriction**.
- Includes **misdemeanor** and some **pardoned felony** convictions.
- **Liability protections** for employers who hire people who have a criminal history **are included**.



NEXT STEPS

Through a strategic implementation strategy, GJP is rising to meet the growing need for record restriction services following SB 288.

Direct Services

Individual support
Expungement desks
"Know Your Rights" presentations

Education & Outreach

Record restriction summits
Informative materials
Knowledge for self-advocacy

Policy Advocacy

Update legislators on SB 288's impact
Monitor data on SB 288's progress
Further reduce barriers to reentry