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## GJP's Summary of the 2014 Criminal Justice Reform Council's 2014 Policy Recommendations:

### Employment

1. Driver's License Suspensions – judges should have discretion to modify the automatic driver's license suspension for minor drug offenses when the offense is not directly related to the operation of a vehicle
2. "Ban the Box" –the state should "ban the box" on appropriate employment applications and allow the applicant to disclose any criminal history during a face-to-face interview with the employing agency.
3. Criminal Records –procedures should be developed through which an individual can demand that a consumer reporting agency correct any report which is inaccurate or does not appropriately restrict information as required by existing law; also a private cause of action should be created with treble damages if said reports are published without the demanded corrections
4. Liability Protection –the Dept. of Corrections should issue appropriate individuals a certificate certifying the completion of any required treatment plan and any vocational training while incarcerated and compliance with any reentry plan while on probation or parole.
  - a. Option 1 – the existence of the certificate should create a **rebuttable presumption** of the exercise of due care to protect employers or other institutions in all negligence suits related to employment, housing or education so long as the employer or institution knew of the certificate at the time of the allegedly negligent act and it was included in the individual's records.
  - b. Option 2 – the existence of the certificate should **provide immunity** in any action against an employer or institution alleging lack of due care in hiring, retaining, leasing to, or admitting to a school or program so long as the employer or institution knew of the certificate at the time of the allegedly negligent act and included it in the individual's record.

### Housing and Support

1. Create five Reentry Housing Coordinator positions under the direction and control of the Governor's Reentry Office and in partnership with the Community Impact Programs (CIPs) in Atlanta, Macon, Savannah, Columbus and Augusta.
2. Include language in the Qualified Application Plan (QAP) administered by the Department of Community Affairs that requires an applicant/developer to provide evidence of a memorandum of agreement with a Community Service Board or private provider before a developer is eligible for supportive housing points granted to those that provide housing to target populations, including those with criminal records, and monitor the applicants/developers.

### Access to Food Stamps

1. If the General Assembly *chooses* to enact a comprehensive reform of food stamps and TANF it should also consider lifting the lifetime ban for those that received and continue to hold a certificate of completion and systematically demonstrate successful compliance with probation/parole.

The Criminal Justice Reform Council's full report can be found online at the following link:  
[https://gov.georgia.gov/sites/gov.georgia.gov/files/related\\_files/document/GA%20Criminal%20Justice%20Reform%20Council%20Report.pdf](https://gov.georgia.gov/sites/gov.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/GA%20Criminal%20Justice%20Reform%20Council%20Report.pdf)