

# *REDUCING RECIDIVISM AND CUTTING CORRECTIONS COSTS CONCEPTS*

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# Reduce Recidivism and Hold Offenders Accountable by Strengthening Probation and Alternative Sentencing Options.

1. Enhance DOCR probation officers' ability to impose graduated sanctions that are swift and certain
  - 2 day jail hold for probationers and codify in statute

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- 2. Restructure maximum lengths of probation and allow earned discharge from probation supervision to focus resources on those most at risk to reoffend.**
  - Allow probationers to earn 15 to 30 days off their term of supervision for every month of full compliance with their conditions of supervision.

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- In months during which the probationer is non-compliant, the days are not earned.
- *If a sufficient number of days are earned for discharge but the probationer still owes restitution, the restitution may automatically convert to a civil judgment.*

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- Reduce maximum length of probation for misdemeanor from two years to one, except as otherwise proscribed by law. Reduce maximum probation length for C felony to three years except:
  - Sex crimes,
  - 85%ers (Truth-in-Sentencing)
  - and those who used a weapon in the commission of a crime.

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3. Eliminate requirement that any portion of a suspended felony sentence has to be on supervised probation except as otherwise proscribed by law:
  - DUI,
  - Sex crimes,
  - 85% offenders (Truth-in-Sentencing) and
  - Offenders using weapons in the commission of offense).

# Implement Evidence-Based Treatment Services at the County Jail Level.

4. Create a state reinvestment fund to align incentives and pay for potential new costs to local jurisdictions.
  - Actuarial assessment
  - Motivational Enhancement (ECMS)
  - Positive Reinforcement (4:1)
  - Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Substance Abuse (CBISA)
  - Sex Offender Treatment (Low level)