

# THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE II

## for safer communities and taxpayer savings

**FAIR & EFFECTIVE** punishments that equip people for life after prison, controlling costs and improving safety

### THE PROBLEM

Broken parole and sentencing systems send low-risk offenders to jail and block effective rehabilitation. Parolee recidivism alone costs \$224 million annually.

The result: a 25% increase in Corrections costs since 2010 *without* corresponding safety returns.

### THE SOLUTION

**Establish effective sentencing** by giving judges guidelines, updating community risk calculations, and streamlining substance abuse treatment.

**Fix inefficient parole practices** by paroling offenders at time served, not months after, which increases costs, *not* safety.

**Customize parole supervision** with performance-based contracts, efficient violation sanctions, and home plans for low-risk offenders—reducing parolee recidivism.

### JRI SAVES

2012 JRI I reforms reduced the prison population by 1,500, saving over \$96 million.

**ESTIMATED SAVINGS of JRI II: \$48.2 million over the next 5 years**

### SAFE & SMART, reducing recidivism and taxpayer costs

Pennsylvania faces a likely \$1.7 billion budget deficit. Corrections is among the top four cost-drivers, reaching a projected \$2.5 billion in 2018-19.

Passing JRI II reforms will make Pennsylvania safer. Instead of fast-tracking low-risk prisoners back to jail—on the taxpayer dime—these efficiency steps can equip them for productive life outside of prison.

### Pennsylvania's Prison Population

