

# 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.

**BUILDING A COALITION** 

### **GJP'S APPROACH**

#### INFORMED BY DIRECT SERVICE

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



### 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 Atlantabased 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.

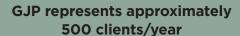
Before SB 288, **almost all convictions** stayed on a person's record for life.



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SB 288 passed unanimously in Georgia's House & Senate

### **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

### 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