



Jobs NOT Jails Coalition

Top Priorities for Coming Legislative Session

- Ending the failed program of statutory mandatory minimum sentences for drug crimes.
- Eliminating probation, parole and other court fees that trap defendants in poverty and lengthen punishment.
- Increasing the dollar amount at which larceny becomes a felony from \$250 to \$1500 to stop making felons of people charged with low-level offenses.
- Improving CORI and other laws to increase court efficiency, workforce participation and re-entry success:
 1. Change the definition of CORI to exclude cases dismissed before arraignment and certain juvenile youthful offender adjudications that now appear on CORI reports.
 2. De-criminalize minor offenses such as driving with suspended license or compulsory insurance violations which are routinely dismissed after court hearings and fines.
 3. Reduce long 5 and 10 year waiting periods for sealing records to 3 and 7 years which is consistent with recidivism studies and will get people back to work and in housing.
 4. Permit person to say “I have no record” sealing when applying for housing or occupational licenses after records are sealed—not just when applying for jobs.
 5. Change the law on never sealable convictions to exclude resisting arrest.
 6. Require Probation to set up a system for easy correction of CORI database errors.
 7. Require jails and prisons to provide information and a Dept. of Revenue application to inmates upon admission to the facility to prevent unfair accumulation of massive child support debts.
- Increasing funding for job placement, job training and education programs for prisoners and ex-prisoners.