



Public Safety Realignment Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND:

- Assembly Bill 109 (AB 109) is the 2011 Criminal Justice Realignment Act, the state's plan to shift the responsibility for thousands of offenders from the state to counties. It was signed by Governor Jerry Brown in April 2011 and takes effect October 1, 2011.
- Under AB 109, an executive committee of each county's Community Corrections Partnership is responsible for creating a plan to implement public safety realignment in their region. For more information about the Community Corrections Partnership, visit its website at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/probation/ccp.html>.

LOCAL IMPACT:

- AB 109 shifts responsibility of about 4,000 offenders from the state to San Diego County.
- About 2,000 of them are known as post-release offenders who would have been supervised by state parole upon release and must now be supervised locally by the Probation Department, in addition to the 14,000 adult offenders already supervised by the department.
- The other 2,000 are non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders who will shift from custody in state prison to local jails run by the Sheriff's Department, with only 800 additional beds available.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

- Three main goals – 1) efficiently use jail capacity; 2) incorporate reentry principles into in-custody programming; 3) incorporate evidence-based practices into supervision and case management of post-release offenders and encourage judges to use evidence-based practices in sentencing
- Accomplished through five strategies – 1) enhance pre-trial processes to more effectively utilize current jail capacity; 2) improve and streamline felony settlement;
- 3) encourage the use of evidence-based practices into sentencing for felony offenders; 4) employ alternative custody options and in-custody programming; 5) provide evidence-based supervision and intervention services for post-release offenders.

FUNDING:

- Initial allocation of \$11 million for immediate needs of supervision, custody, and intervention services.