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# Department of Corrections



*Probation Operations*

## *House Bill 1176 Implementation*

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## Goals of the Council

- Address the growth of the state's prison population, contain corrections costs and increase efficiencies and effectiveness that result in better offender management;
- Improve public safety by reinvesting a portion of the savings into strategies that reduce crime and recidivism; and
- Hold offenders accountable by strengthening community-based supervision, sanctions and services.



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**“...the analysis revealed that inmate population growth is due in large part to policy decisions about who is being sent to prison and how long they are staying.”**

**Report of the Special Council on Criminal  
Justice Reform for Georgians – Nov 2011**



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## The Facts

- Drug and property offenders represent 60% of all admissions
- Five of the top six most common prison admission offenses are drug and property crimes
  - Burglary
  - Forgery
  - Possession of Cocaine
  - Theft By Taking
  - Theft By Receiving Stolen Property
- In 2010, over 5,000 lower risk drug and property offenders went to prison for the first time = 25% of 2010 admissions



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- **Phase II Technical Assistance Requested from**
  - Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
  - Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)
- **Site Visit by Vera Institute on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - Meet with internal and external stakeholders
  - Vera will make recommendation to BJA and JRI
  - Timeframe for assistance is 18-24 months

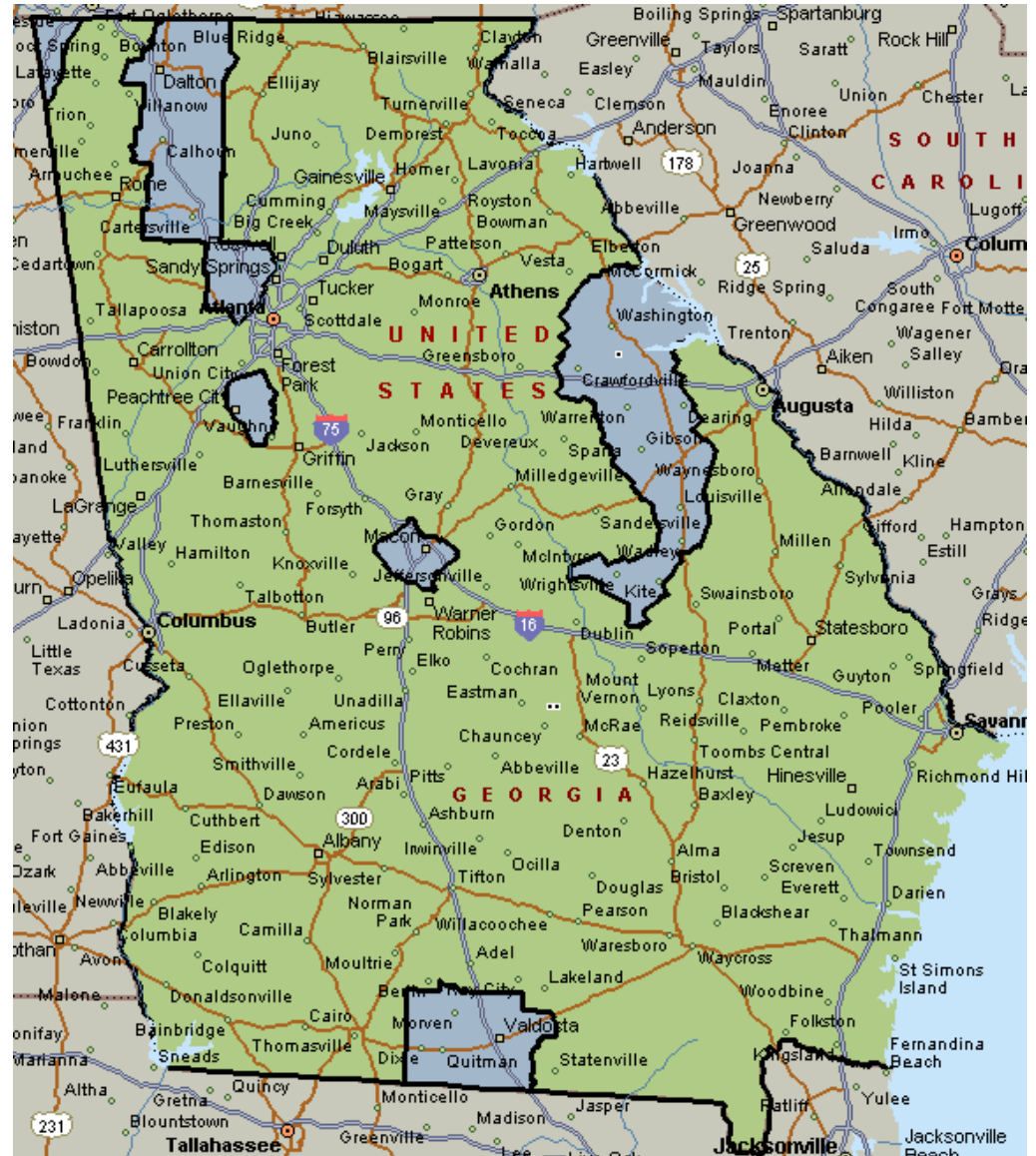


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- Evidence Based Practices Utilized
  - GDC will only deliver programming and treatment that is researched based
- Performance Metrics
  - Track treatment and recidivism outcome
  - Goal is to implement a web based system
  - Ability to be queried by internal and external stakeholders

# Electronic Records Submission

- 140 Counties have signed on
- Received 430 sentences last week
- Over 1600 sentences received since July 1





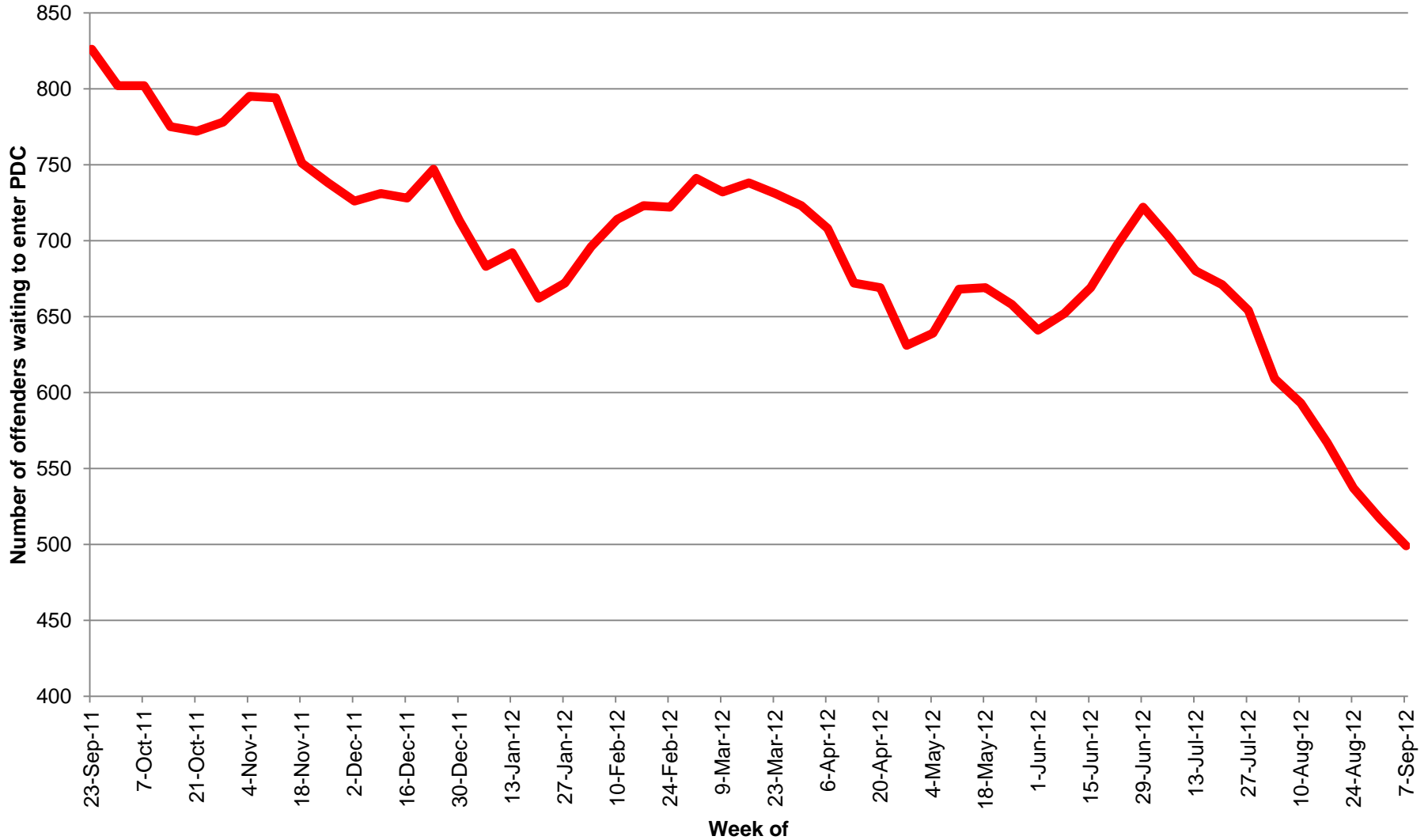
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- Use of Graduated Sanctions for Probation Violations
- Probation Detention Center (PDC)
  - Establishes a cap on length of stay at 180 days
  - Currently 325 awaiting entrance to a PDC
- Early Termination Encouraged
- Pilot Pre-Sentence Assessment



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## PDC Backlog since September 2011





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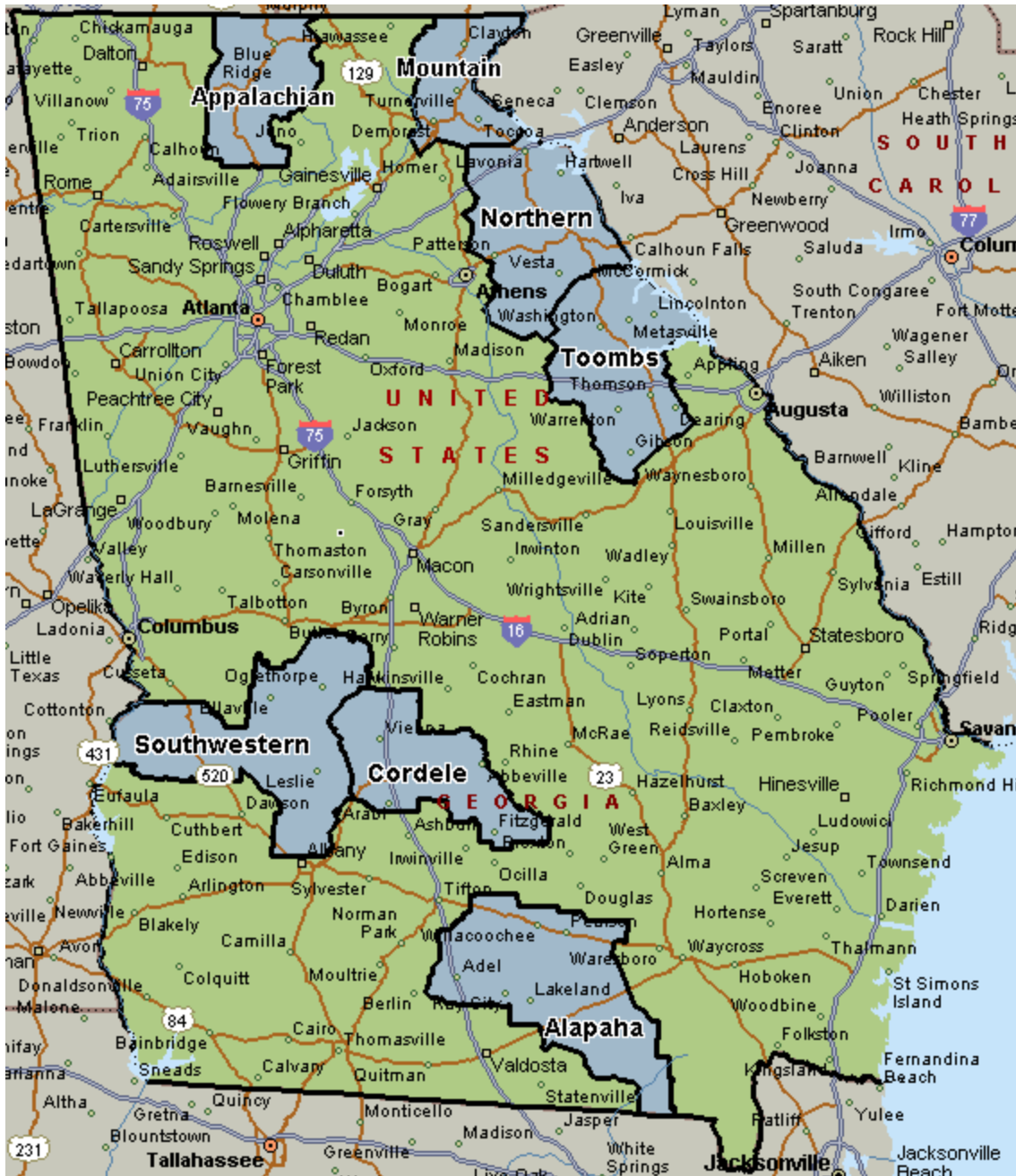
## Accountability Courts Expansion

- \$10 Million for new courts
- DRC Lite
  - \$750K for collaborative pilot programs for rural areas that do not have full drug court capacity or capability



# DRC Lite Pilot Circuits

Alapaha  
Appalachian  
Cordele  
Mountain  
Northern  
Southwestern  
Toombs





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- **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Expansion**
  - Conversion of (3) Pre Release Centers to RSATs
  - 600 additional beds
- **Integrated Treatment Program (ITP) – Dual Diagnosis**
  - Appling – Male – 200 beds
  - West Central – Female – 200 beds
- **Additional RSAT**
  - Turner – Male RSAT



# Questions?