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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY

Justice Reinvestment Local Government Commission Meeting

Monday, July 28th, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

- Mary Ann Thompson, Board Chair

Meeting Goals and Objectives

- Local Government Commission Responsibilities and Reminders
- GOCPP Updates
- JRA Budgetary Requirements on Local Detention Centers Survey Analysis
- Open Discussion
- Next Steps

Responsibilities and Reminders

Facilitated by Mary Ann Thompson, Chair

LGC Responsibilities and Reminders

- According to §9–3211, “The Commission shall:
  - (1) advise the [Oversight] Board on matters related to legislation, regulations, rules, budgetary changes, and all other actions needed to implement the recommendations of the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council as they relate to local governments;
  - (2) make recommendations to the Board regarding grants to local governments from the [Performance Incentive Grant] Fund; and
  - (3) create performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the grants.”
- Attendance and Engagement
  - LGC members should be attending *at least* **2** meetings a year.
- Alternative Meeting Days/Times?

GOCPP Updates

Facilitated by Lindsey McCullough, GOCPP Justice Reinvestment Coordinator

FY26 PIGF Awards

- Applications Received: **100**
- Total Amount Requested: **$23,915,427.00**
- Total Awards: **58**
- Total Funds Awarded: **$10,556,127.00**
- # of Local Government Entities Awarded: **14**
    - Includes detention centers, sheriff's offices, health departments, state's attorneys offices, problem-solving courts, other local bodies, and collaborative partnerships.

Pretrial Services Project

- June – July 2025, conducted semi-structured virtual **interviews** (~45 min each) with **all 24 jurisdictions** in the State.
- Asked questions regarding pretrial program components and processes, levels of supervision, risk assessment tools utilized, electronic monitoring, violations & revocations, and program data collection.
- Purpose: establish a baseline; identify similarities, differences, and areas for improvement; analyze alignment with best practices; and inform the Oversight Board's future work and recommendations.

JRA Survey Analysis

Dean Atanasoff, JRA Data Analyst, GOCPP

JRI Budgetary Requirements on Local Detention Centers

(Survey Results, July 2025)

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Overview

At the request of the Justice Reinvestment Local Government Commission (the Commission) Chair, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (the Office) developed a survey to analyze the impact of the Justice Reinvestment Act (the Act) on local detention centers. In response to the Budgetary Requirements on Local Detention Centers (2016) report the Office released prior to the Act's full implementation, the current survey aims to provide updated information to assess effects.

Objectives

- Analyze if and how certain JRI provisions presently affect local detention centers.
- Determine the extent of any gaps or needs in programming and services.
- Assist the Commission in determining recommendations and next steps.

Findings

17 jurisdictions responded

Provision 1: Reduction in controlled dangerous substances (CDS) offenses*

- Total persons convicted: **42**
- Average length of stay: **484 days**
- Median length of stay: **375 days**

Data reported from nine jurisdictions for (1) administration of CDS, and possession of (2s) cannabis over civil use and (2b) non-cannabis.

Provision 2: Increase in theft thresholds and reduction in sentences*

- Total persons convicted: **71**
- Average length of stay: **345 days**
- Median length of stay: **325 days**

Data reported from nine jurisdictions for charges relative to theft and theft-scheme. No data was reported for theft of $100,000 or more.

*The JRA included revisions to the Maryland sentencing guidelines for controlled dangerous substances (CDS) and theft-related offenses, among other offenses. The statistics for Provisions 1 and 2 are as of January 1, 2025.

Technical Revocation Caps

1st Violation	15 Days
2nd Violation	30 Days
3rd Violation	45 Days
4th (and subsequent) violations	Up to all remaining days

The above chart is in relation to the number of days of diminution credits previously earned that may be revoked as the result of a violation.

Provision 3: Revocation caps for technical violations of parole or probation (TVOP)

- Total persons convicted: **296**
- Average length of stay: **8 days**
- Median length of stay: **226 days**

It is unknown whether these individuals were sentenced to a violation of probation (VOP) due to a new offense or a technical violation. It is also unknown how many are a first, second, third, or fourth and/or subsequent violations.

To learn more about the JRA, please visit https://goccp.maryland.gov/councils-commissions-and-workgroups/justice-reinvestment/ SCAN HERE

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Findings (cont.)

Provision 4: Mandatory withholding of 25% of an incarcerated individual's earnings if there is a restitution order

Of responding jurisdictions, **41.2%** (7 facilities) collect/disburse restitution. **58.8%** (10 facilities) do not.

Top reasons for **not** collecting/disbursing restitution:

- No active work-release program: **30%**
- Handled through the courts/State's Attorney: **20%**
- No persons in work-release: **20%**

Work-Release Program:

64.7% (11 facilities) have a program

- **6** facilities have at least two people in their program:
  - On average there are **6** persons; Range: 2 - 11

Other methods to collect restitution:

Not all facilities collect restitution. Other programs may be in place to collect, such as day-reporting and pretrial supervision. Facilities may also have no individuals in work-release programs, and/or judges may not sentence persons to work-release.

Might restitution collection **reduce** the number of persons in work-release and other programs that collect it?

- No: **100%** (17 facilities)

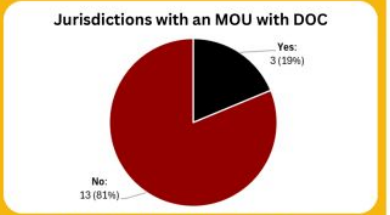
Provision 5: Increase from 5 to 10 days good conduct credits for nonviolent offenders**

Across jurisdictions with reported non-violent offenders (13 facilities):

- Total persons convicted: **723**
- Average length of stay: **158 days**
- Median length of stay: **165 days**

**Only 16 of 17 total responding jurisdictions completed the survey. One jurisdiction did not complete the survey after questions in Provision 4.

Provision 6: State reimbursement of $45 for local jails providing prerelease services for DOC incarcerated individuals**



Reported reasons for no MOU across facilities:

- Staffing, space, and cost limitations: **38.5%** (5 facilities)
- MOU process fell apart: **7.8%** (1 facility)
- Unknown if an MOU is in place: **7.8%**
- Lack of prior facility administrative support: **7.8%**

Use of the $45 State Reimbursement Program:

- **12.5%** (2 facilities) use the program, **87.5%** (14 facilities) do not.
  - Of those who use it, there is a total of **16** DOC persons held in local custody.

Future plans to implement the Program:

- Yes: **3** facilities (21%); No: **10** facilities (71%). 1 facility did not respond.

Why facilities do not use or plan to implement the Program:

- Staffing, space, and cost limitations: **30%** (3 facilities)
- DOC incarcerated persons do not wish to return due to an inability to bring or access property: **10%**

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Open Discussion

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- Next meeting:
  - Monday, October 27th, 2025 - 11:00 AM

For any additional questions, comments, or concerns,

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