



Maximizing State Policy to Reduce Jail Use for Probation Violations

Georgia's Probation Options Management Act

Safety and Justice Challenge 2023





PROBATION OPTIONS MANAGEMENT

Act of 2004

The Probation Management Act of 2004 allows for probation officers to give administrative sanctions to those on probation who violate the terms of their sentence under the POM Act.



BENEFITS

IMPOSE SWIFT, CERTAIN, PROPORTIONATE, AND CONSISTENT SANCTIONS

Public Safety

ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY BY APPLYING SWIFT, CERTAIN, AND PROPORTIONATE SANCTIONS TO PROBATION VIOLATIONS

Jail Time

REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF JAIL TIME BETWEEN ARREST AND APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS

Court Time

REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT ON HEARINGS FOR TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION

Graduated Sanctions

EXPAND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS

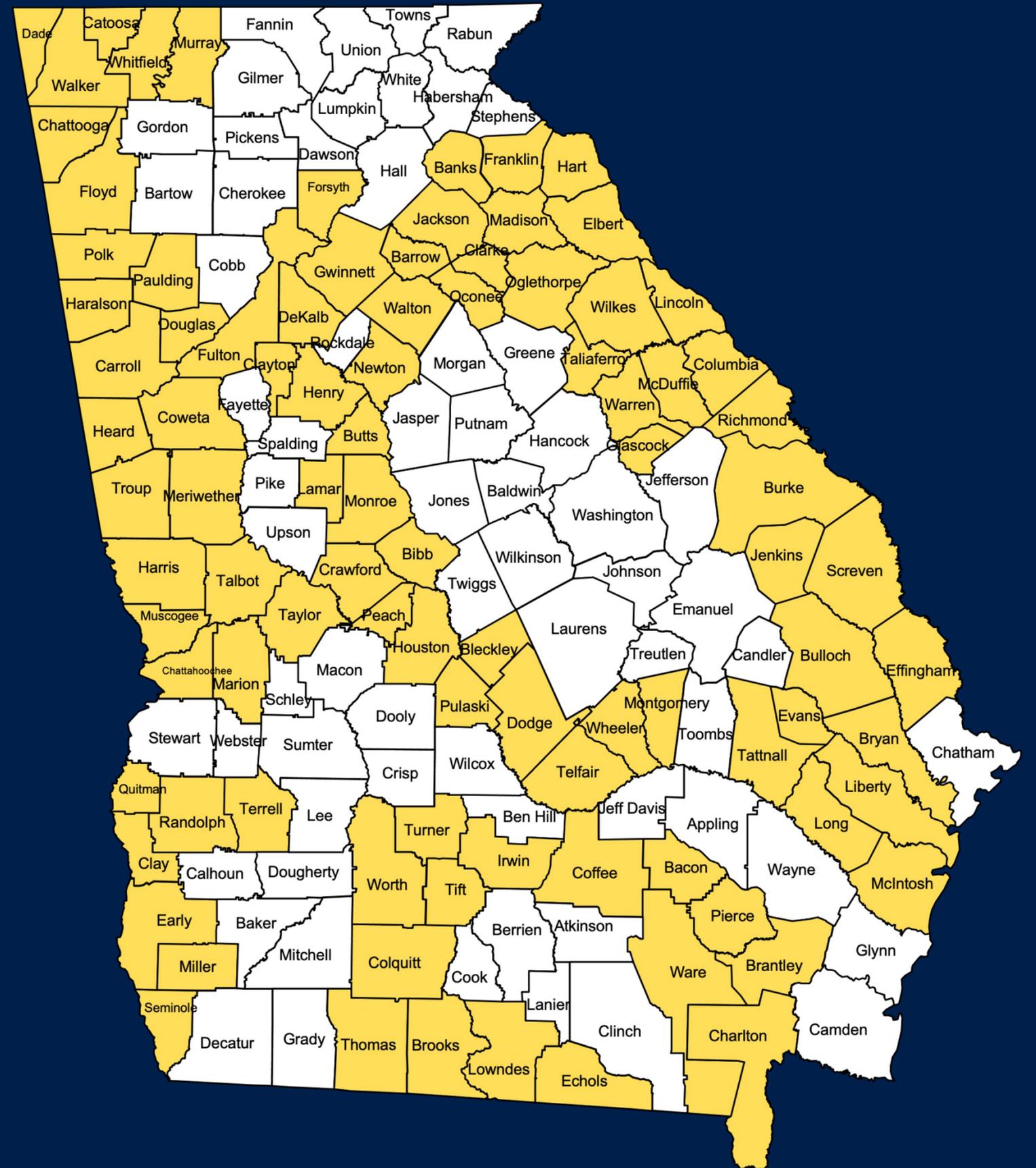
SWIFT, CERTAIN, FAIR, & PROPORTIONATE SANCTIONS IN GEORGIA

In 2004, the Probation Options Management Act was piloted in 5 Circuits. Today, over half of Georgia's Judicial Circuits utilize POM.



61%

of Georgia Judicial Circuits utilize POM





Jail Stays

25%

Individuals with a jail stay



Jail Days

89

Average number of days in jail



Jail Impact Study

POM significantly reduces jail time without compromising public safety. However, it's vastly underutilized across the state. Therefore, we partnered with Georgia State University to conduct a Jail Impact Study series.



Study #1: Jail Sanctions & Recidivism

Assess the relationship between the length of jail sanctions for non-serious offenses and recidivism



Study #2: Parental Incarceration & Legal System Involvement

Examine the impact of experiencing the incarceration of a household member during childhood



Provide Context

Findings will guide conversations on the value of using POM to address non-serious offenses



Make Adjustments

Results will reveal target areas for prevention and intervention efforts



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