



# 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

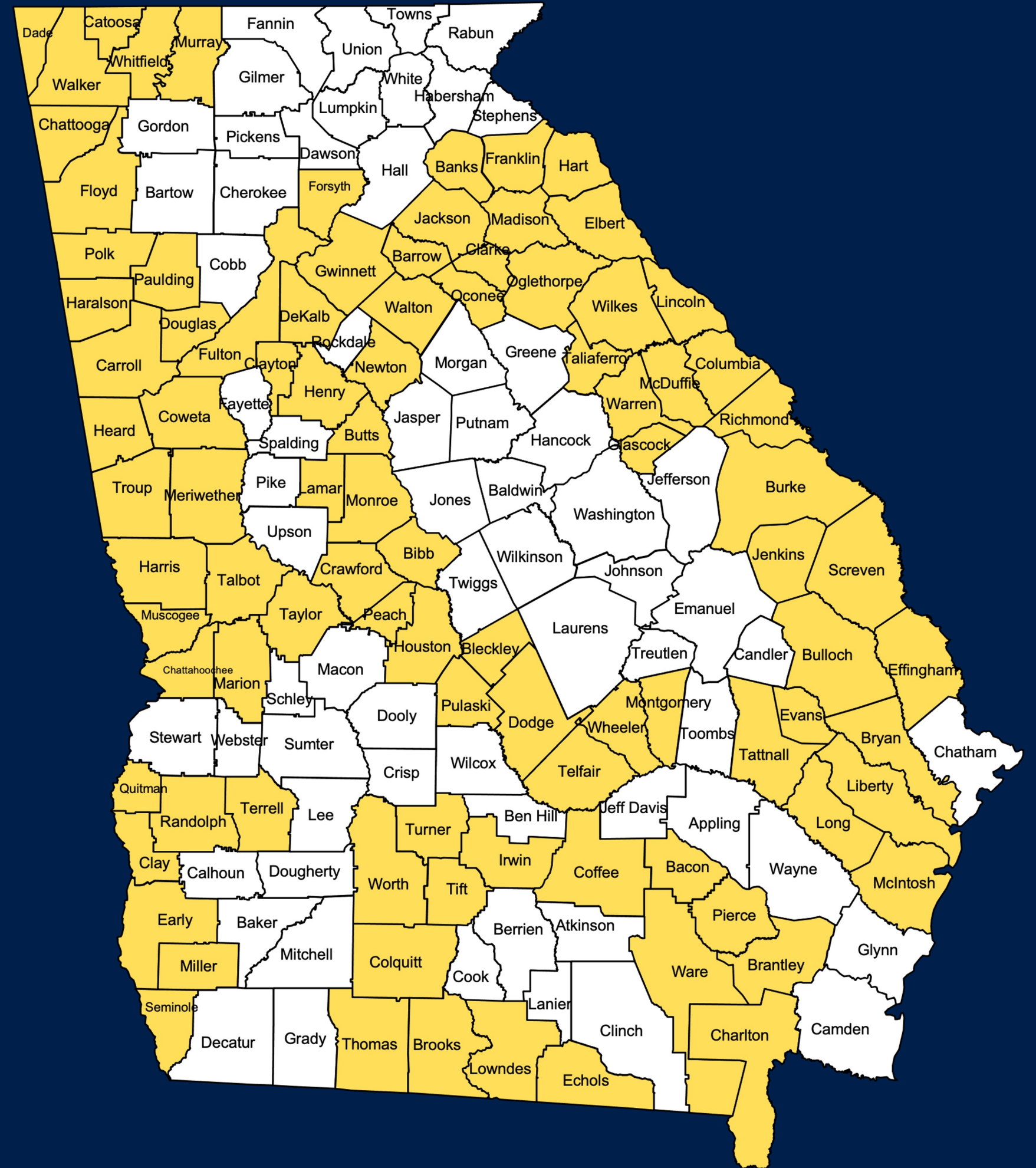


# SWIFT, CERTAIN, FAIR, & PROPORTIONATE SANCTIONS IN GEORGIA

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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