

# South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services

## Executive Summary Report to the Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee

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As a result of the Omnibus Crime Reduction and Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) of 2010, the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS) has demonstrated a significant amount of success as it pertains to comprehensive criminal justice reforms. Fiscal year (FY) 13 marks the third year that the SCDPPPS is reporting results from the various mandates of the SRA. While maintaining public safety, SCDPPPS has implemented supervision strategies that resulted in the reduction of recidivism and the financial impact to the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). The following reductions from FY 10 baseline data have been achieved for FY 13 (See p. 24):

- 45% (-2,157 offenders) reduction of compliance revocations (i.e., technical rule infractions)
- 49% (-1,611 offenders) reduction of compliance revocation admissions to SCDC
- 6% (-57 offenders) reduction in new offense revocations
- 42% (-11,384 warrants/citations) reduction in legal process

### Cost Savings based on VERA Institute of Justice's Cost Avoidance Model

FY	Reduced Admissions to SCDC	Cost Savings	Maximum Reinvestment
<b>11</b>	579	\$4,229,456	\$1,067,630
<b>12</b>	535	\$2,993,340	\$1,047,669
<b>13</b>	497	\$5,276,329	\$1,846,715
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>\$12,499,125</b>	<b>\$3,962,014</b>

A savings of **\$3,962,014** was achieved while the active offender population increased by **8%**.

### Active Population Growth

FY	Total Active Population	% Change from FY 10
<b>10</b>	31,262	-
<b>11</b>	30,977	-1%
<b>12</b>	32,671	5%
<b>13</b>	33,842	8%

Consistent with SRA objectives, SCDPPPS has made a commitment to implement evidence-based programs and strategies aimed at reducing recidivism. A sample of these efforts includes:

- Utilizing a framework to address violations using risk scores and severity of violations;
- Providing training to agent staff to increase core correctional skills to include strengthening case management approaches to facilitate the prosocial attitudes and behavior of offenders; and
- Developing taskforces to assess opportunities for improvement in key areas, such as the *Parole Matrix Taskforce*, and the *Hiring Practices Taskforce*.