

Senate Bill 827

Justice Policy Agreements Advanced by the Michigan Justice Reinvestment Working Group

Key Provisions:

1. Ensure that people in prison serve no less than 100 percent and no more than 120 percent of their court-imposed minimum sentence (i.e. earliest release date), except for offenders sentenced for offenses that carry a maximum life sentence. (The bill also permits the parole board to hold an offender beyond 120 percent of their court-imposed minimum sentence in cases where the offender poses a very high risk of re-offending as determined by a validated risk assessment.)
2. Require people revoked from parole for condition violations for the first time to serve no more than nine months in prison.
3. Require offenders who have served 100 percent of their minimum sentence to be released at least nine months prior to reaching the end of their statutory maximum sentence in order to ensure a period of intensive supervision in the community.

Fiscal Analysis & Population Impact:

From January 2011 through December 2014, SB827 would reduce spending on corrections by a projected \$35.3 million, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections. This represents the gross cumulative savings and does not estimate any reinvestment that might be budgeted in reentry, supervision, or other areas of the criminal justice system.

CY	2011	2012	2013	2014
Population Impact	-433	-837	-1412	-1987
Cost Savings	\$2.2m	\$5.6m	\$10.8m	\$16.7m
Cumulative Four-Year Cost Savings	\$35.3 million			

Michigan Prison Population Projection

