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# Report to the Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee



**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES**

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## Major Accomplishments

In fiscal year (FY) 2025, SCDPPPS continued to forge new, innovative paths and programs, fulfilling its mission to prepare offenders toward becoming productive members of society. In June 2025, a new contact standards policy was introduced that represents an intentional shift in offender contact practices from quantity to quality. Policy 107, “**Supervision Guidelines**,” signifies a notable change in agency practices. Going forward caseload-carrying staff will place more emphasis on carrying out more significant, in-depth contacts with offenders.

These updated general supervision guidelines outline the minimum contacts required for each supervision level and include progress audit requirements. Although the primary focus of offender home visits will be conducting comprehensive quality contacts in the field or office visits can still be utilized for such situations as processing new admissions, conducting audits, making referrals, and conducting drug tests.

“**Quality contacts**” refer to purposeful and meaningful interactions between caseload-carrying staff and the offenders under their supervision. These contacts extend beyond simple check-ins, aiming to build rapport and foster positive relationships —essential for promoting offender compliance with supervision conditions. These contacts also facilitate assessment and case planning; Quality contacts provide opportunities for caseload-carrying staff to gain insights into the offender’s circumstances, identify needs, and adjust the supervision plan as needed. This approach also gives caseload-carrying staff a greater ability to make the appropriate treatment and service referrals based on identified offender needs. In this evidence-based model, the content of the contact, rather than the frequency, is of more significance and drives the supervision of a case.

For FY 2025, SCDPPPS leadership established a Strategic Plan objective to increase the number of career advancement pathways for **Offender Supervision Specialists** (OSS), non-Class 1 staff who manage standard level offenders. This comprehensive internal planning, intended to increase staff retention, laid the groundwork that proved essential for easing the agency’s implementation of a legislative proviso passed at the end of the fiscal year, which introduced a new four-category state employee compensation structure.

In FY 2025, SCDPPPS had the rewarding opportunity to provide sorely needed resources to those in need. Founded in 2017 to honor fallen Police Officer Greg Alia, Serve & Connect’s “**Greg’s Groceries**” has provided thousands of boxes of non-perishable food to individuals in need. The delivery of Greg’s Groceries boxes creates opportunities for positive, non-enforcement interactions between officers and community members, enhancing trust.

On October 3, 2024, SCDPPPS agents from around the state joined over 70 law enforcement agencies in Columbia to pack thousands of boxes of groceries, which were then transported to victims of Hurricane Helene throughout western South Carolina and North Carolina. Four months later, SCDPPPS staff also participated in the postponed February 7, 2025, Serve & Connect Law Enforcement Packing Event at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. Between February to May 2025 alone, SCDPPPS staff delivered over 160 grocery boxes, impacting an estimated 668 individuals in need around the state. Groceries continue to be

gradually distributed to families in need throughout the year. Any disadvantaged member of the public, not just offenders, is eligible to receive these donations.

Many agents provided written testimonials about their interactions with grocery recipients. Boxes were distributed primarily during home and office visits to support individuals who were experiencing homelessness, financial instability, mental and physical health challenges, or food insecurity. Many recipients were recently released from incarceration, living in sheds, vehicles, or shelters, and lacked access to consistent meals. The deliveries offered not only practical support but also served as a gesture of hope and care, with many recipients expressing deep appreciation, some even moved to tears.

SCDPPPS also realized several internal technological goals during the past fiscal year. A multi-office staff Intranet Team successfully transitioned the agency's internal intranet, called “**PPPnet**,” to a more efficient, modernized SharePoint site. Unveiled in May 2025, this more user-friendly platform is designed to enhance communication, collaboration, and connection among all staff, making it easier than ever to share information and resources.

The new, improved PPPnet includes an “Around the Office” section for agency news, team highlights, and celebrations. Visitors will also find a calendar of agency events, centralized forms and templates, and an interactive staff directory. New features are continuously added based on staff feedback.

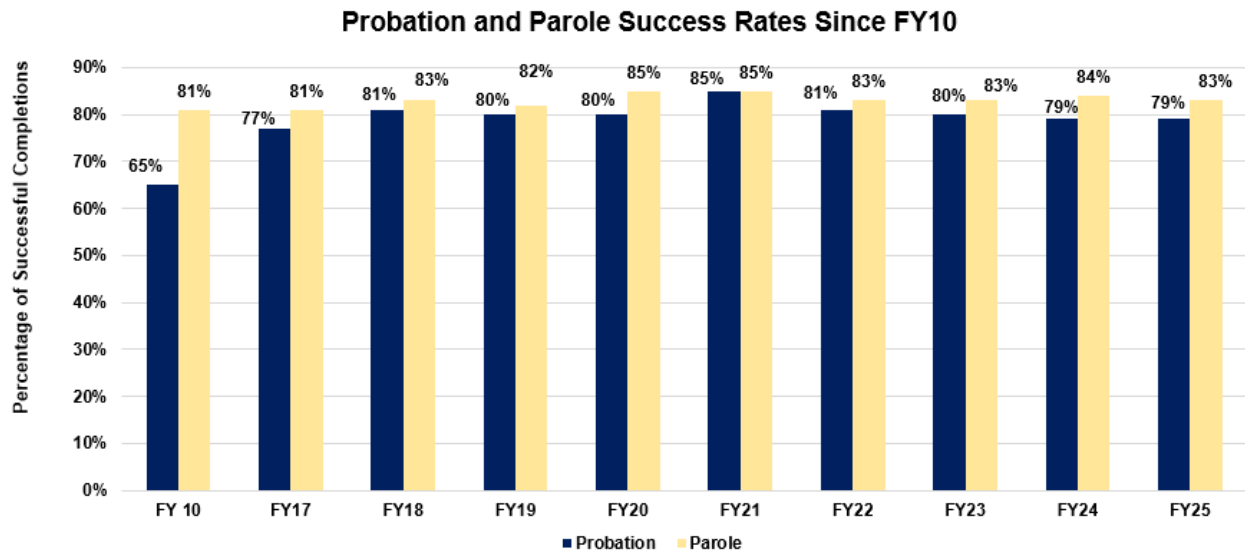
Expanding internal staff communication methods, thus improving workflows amongst department staff, remains a focus of SCDPPPS. In this vein, in FY 25, **digital signage** was installed on television monitors around the state in multiple SCDPPPS county office waiting rooms. These TV monitors now provide scrolling information 24 hours a day and seven days a week to staff, visitors, and offenders in office lobby areas. Common topics include upcoming agency events, offender job fairs, staff award recipients, announced job positions, and more. Thus far, 20 TV monitors, equipped with *AppSpace* digital signage capabilities, have been installed around the state. In the upcoming second and third phases of deployment, nearly 30 more signs will be rolled out in various county offices.

On September 26, 2024, Category 4 **Hurricane Helene** hit Florida and caused widespread catastrophic damage and over 250 fatalities across an 800-mile path through the Southeastern United States. In South Carolina alone, 50 deaths occurred, largely from tornadoes and falling trees. SCDPPPS and other law enforcement agencies from around the state were called on to participate in rescue efforts and to provide relief to those devastated by this storm.

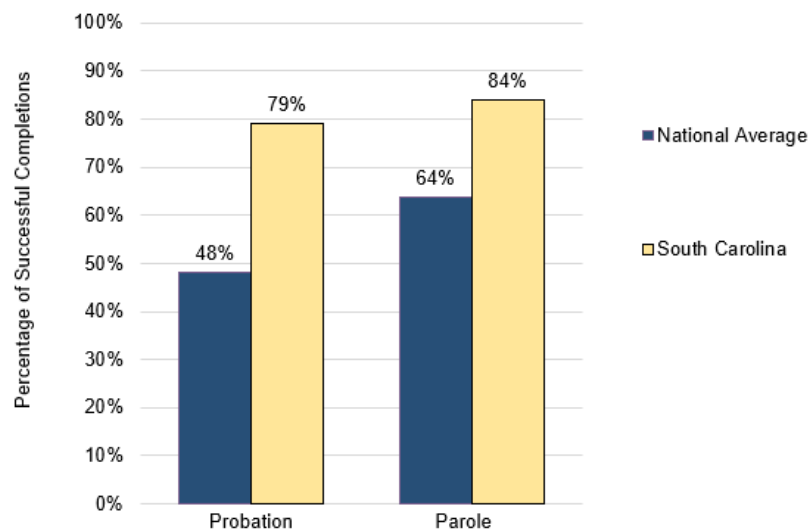
Some SCDPPPS services were paused during this time to allow agents to assist with hurricane relief in the hardest hit parts of the state near the Georgia and North Carolina borders. Although SCDPPPS staff experienced personal struggles with property damage and power outages, staff rallied to carry out essential emergency duties. In total, there were over 400,000 power outages and more than 900 roads closed after the storm passed due to heavy rains and downed trees. SCDPPPS, along with other criminal justice agencies, provided law enforcement assistance during power restoration and the opening of roadways. SCDPPPS contributed the services of more than 200 agents actively involved in 10 emergency details, spanning 20 counties. SCDPPPS staff remained deployed in hurricane response through the end of 2024 to complete all assigned missions.

**Success Rates:** Since FY 2010, the rate of successful completion has increased for both probation and parole.

- In FY 2010, probation had a success rate of 65%, and parole had a success rate of 81%.
- In FY 2025, the rate of successful completion increased to 79% for probation and 83% for parole. This reflects a 14% increase for probation and a 2% increase for parole since FY 2010.
- SCDPPPS' successful completion rates are above the national average.



### Probation and Parole Success Rates Compared to the National Average



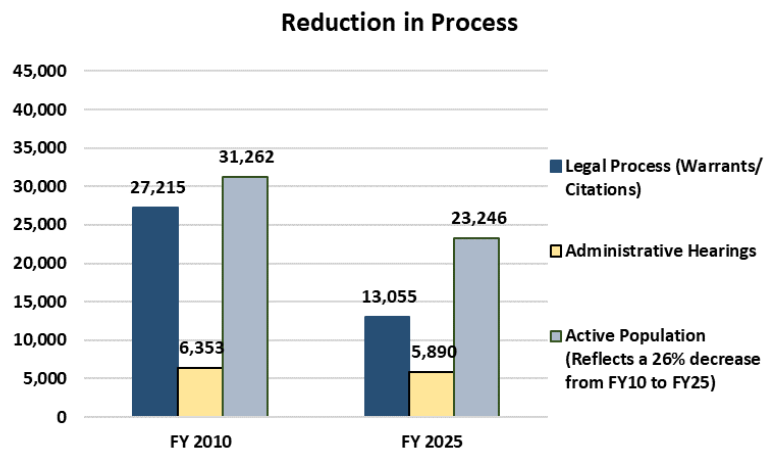
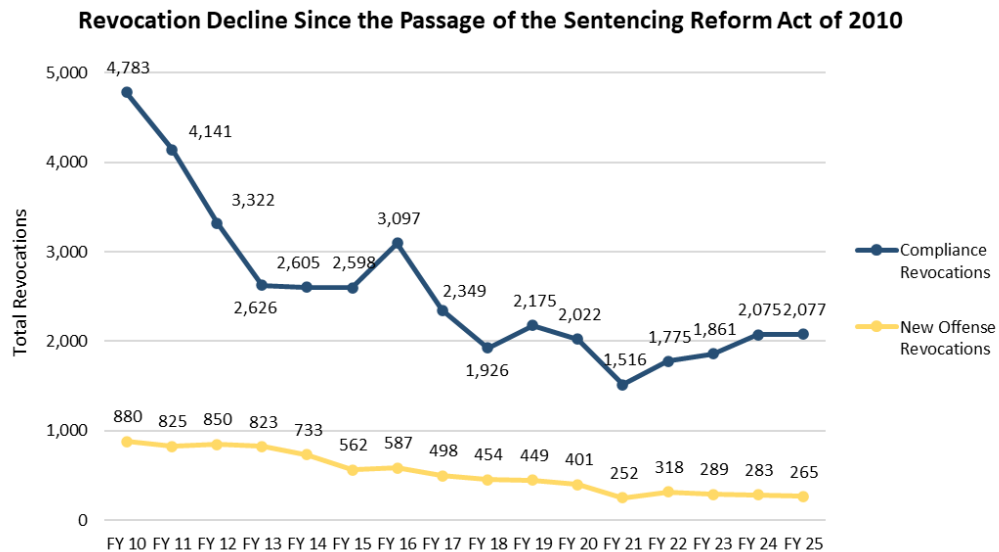
\* National Average represents the most recent data available from calendar year 2023.

Bureau of Justice Statistics' Report *Probation and Parole in the United States*, 2023 (July 2025)

## Overview

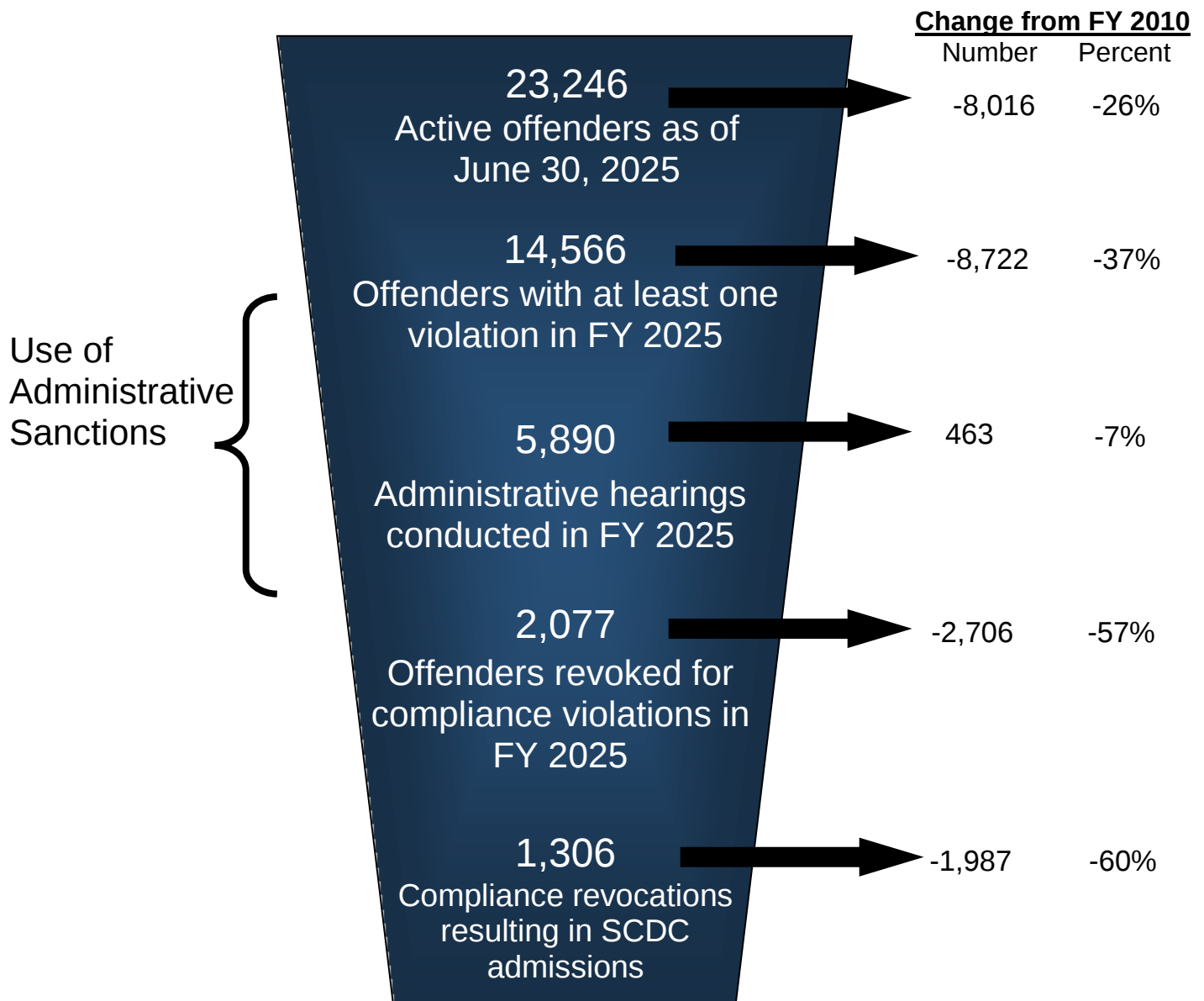
The department has implemented supervision strategies that resulted in the reduction of recidivism and the financial impact on the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) while maintaining public safety. Compared to the 2010 baseline data, in FY 2025, SCDPPPS has achieved a:

- 60% (-1,987) Reduction of compliance revocation admissions to SCDC
- 59% (-3,321) Overall reduction in supervision revocation rates
  - 57% (-2,708) Reduction in compliance revocation rates
  - 70% (-615) Reduction in new offense revocation rates
- 52% (-14,160) Overall reduction in the issuance of legal process (i.e., warrants and citations)
- 7% (-463) Overall reduction in administrative hearings



# SCDPPPS FY 2025 Violations Summary

## Impact of Sentencing Reform Act Strategies



### Administrative Sanctions:

|               |                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 20            | PSE Conversions                |
| 6             | PSE Sanctions                  |
| 6,160         | Fee Restructures               |
| 11,029        | Fee Exemptions                 |
| 8,412         | Home Visits                    |
| 6,439         | Other Administrative Sanctions |
| 9,155         | Verbal/Written Reprimands      |
| <b>41,221</b> | <b>Total Sanctions</b>         |

Data as of: 6/30/2025  
Updated: 10/27/25

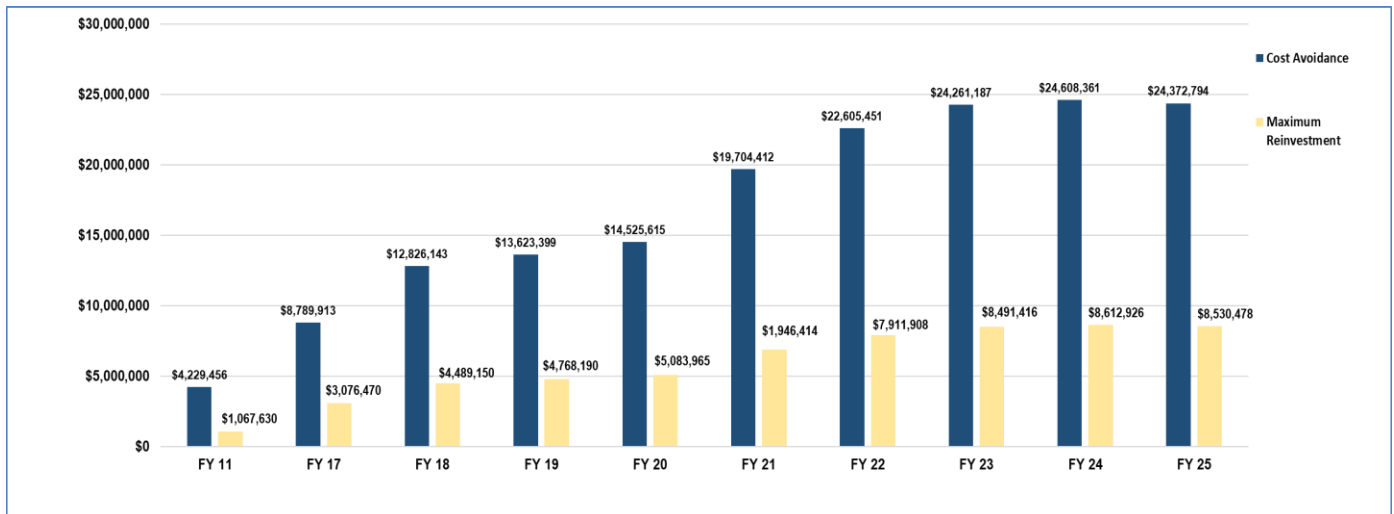
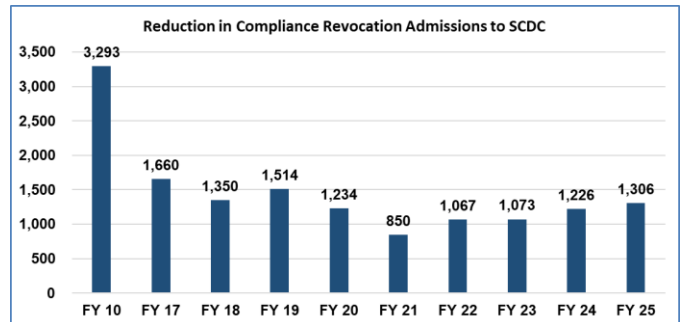
## Cost Avoidance

For the tenth year in a row, compared to the baseline numbers, the department has successfully reduced the impact on SCDC by reducing the number of offenders revoked for compliance violations and subsequently admitted to SCDC. This year's cost avoidance is \$24,372,794. This is a 476% increase since FY 2010 and a 1% decrease since FY 2024.

### FY 2025 – Cost Avoidance Calculations for the Sentencing Reform Act\*

|                                              |              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| FY 2025 SCDPPPS avoided bed-days             | 801,566      |
| Variable cost avoidance                      | \$11,951,349 |
| Step-fixed cost avoidance                    | \$12,421,445 |
| Total cost avoidance for FY 2025             | \$24,372,794 |
| Maximum reinvestment<br>(\$24,372,794 X 35%) | \$8,530,478  |

\* Numbers are rounded.



**-1,987** – Total reduction in compliance revocation admissions to SCDC from FY 2010 through 2025.  
**\$195,769,922**– SCDPPPS' total cost avoidance for Sentencing Reform from FY 2011 through 2025.  
**\$68,106,795** – SCDPPPS' total proposed maximum investment from FY 2011 through 2025.

### Cost Avoidance Methodology

- In FY 2012, the Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee (SROC) received technical assistance from the VERA Institute of Justice to design a model to calculate the cost avoidance to SCDC.
- The cost avoidance model with FY 2025 data is located on page 21 of the appendix. The model describes all variables used to generate the total cost avoidance.

## Reinvestment Recommendation

### **Statewide Expansion of the Domestic Violence Program and Mental Health Program**

Currently, the SCDPPPS Domestic Violence (DV) Program serves 28 counties, comprised of 40 DV agents, and supervises 1,770 active DV offenders. Specially trained DV agents supervise 88% of DV offenders under supervision. Six DV agent positions are needed to introduce these specially trained SV agents in 14 additional counties. This expansion would allow for 97% of DV offenders to be supervised by a highly trained agent. This translates to 187 additional DV perpetrators under supervision by a DV agent. If funds are not received, 187 domestic violence perpetrators will not be supervised by specialized agents, and a total of 18 counties will continue to operate without this pivotal program.

Currently, the Mental Health (MH) Program serves 22 counties and is comprised of 13 MH agents. SCDPPPS recommends a three-year expansion plan to address the needs of the entire state. This year-one plan proposes employing specially trained MH agents in nine additional counties for which six positions are needed. This expansion would allow additional specially trained agents to supervise 149 offenders with severe and persistent mental illness. If funds are not received, 149 MH offenders will not be supervised by specialized agents, and 24 counties will continue to supervise offenders without the benefits of this important program.

**Estimated Cost: \$1,272,318**

### **Agency Fleet Replacement Plan**

Upkeep and regular rotation of the SCDPPPS fleet are essential for the agency to maintain a public presence and community visibility, as well as for supervision enhancement. SCDPPPS obtained funding from the General Assembly for FY 2023 to cover the higher rates set by State Fleet Management. However, lease costs continue to rise, and the agency must replace its existing fleet once its lifespan concludes and expand the fleet to meet ongoing offender supervision home visit needs. In addition to office reports, offender home visits remain a core duty of agent staff, serving as the department's primary means of contact with high-risk offenders. Fleet vehicles are also utilized by agent staff to ensure readiness for response to statewide emergencies and law enforcement activities.

**Estimated Cost: \$857,544**

### **Live Scan for Digital Fingerprinting**

Live Scan is an electronic method of capturing fingerprints without ink, utilized by many law enforcement agencies, including both the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This technology logs and references 10-finger/palm prints as well as photos. In September 2020, SCDPPPS purchased the Live Scan equipment for a total of \$1,390,825 under a five-year payment plan. The renewal for this plan started on September 5, 2025, and will continue through September 4, 2030. SCDPPPS originally planned to use carry-forward funds to cover this request, but the costs associated with relocating county offices have exceeded projections.

**Estimated Cost: \$2,065,830**

### **Information Technology Modernization**

SCDPPPS is requesting funding to modernize its technology infrastructure. This investment will significantly enhance the agency's ability to deliver high-performing, innovative solutions that directly support law enforcement operations and public safety. Without this funding, the department faces delays in implementing a modern case management system, forcing continued reliance on outdated systems. This could hinder effective offender supervision, limit victim services, and increase cybersecurity risks. Modern technology is essential for SCDPPPS to effectively supervise its offender population and fulfill its public safety mission.

To achieve its technology modernization goals, the department requires five new full-time positions with specialized technical and operational skills, roles that are currently not available within its existing workforce. These roles are essential to reduce reliance on external contractors and expand data-sharing capabilities with other criminal justice agencies to improve coordination and public safety outcomes. These new positions would also enable the department to leverage advanced data analytics to support evidence-based supervision strategies for offenders and utilize artificial intelligence and mobile technologies. The fulfillment of this reinvestment recommendation would further equip agents with the necessary tools to increase mobility, accuracy, and efficiency while working in the field. Investing in this staffing will also strengthen the department's ability to serve the community, support law enforcement, and ensure safer outcomes for all South Carolinians.

**Estimated Cost: \$4,334,786**

**Total Reinvestment Recommendation: \$8,530,478**

## Section 38

## Drug Offenses

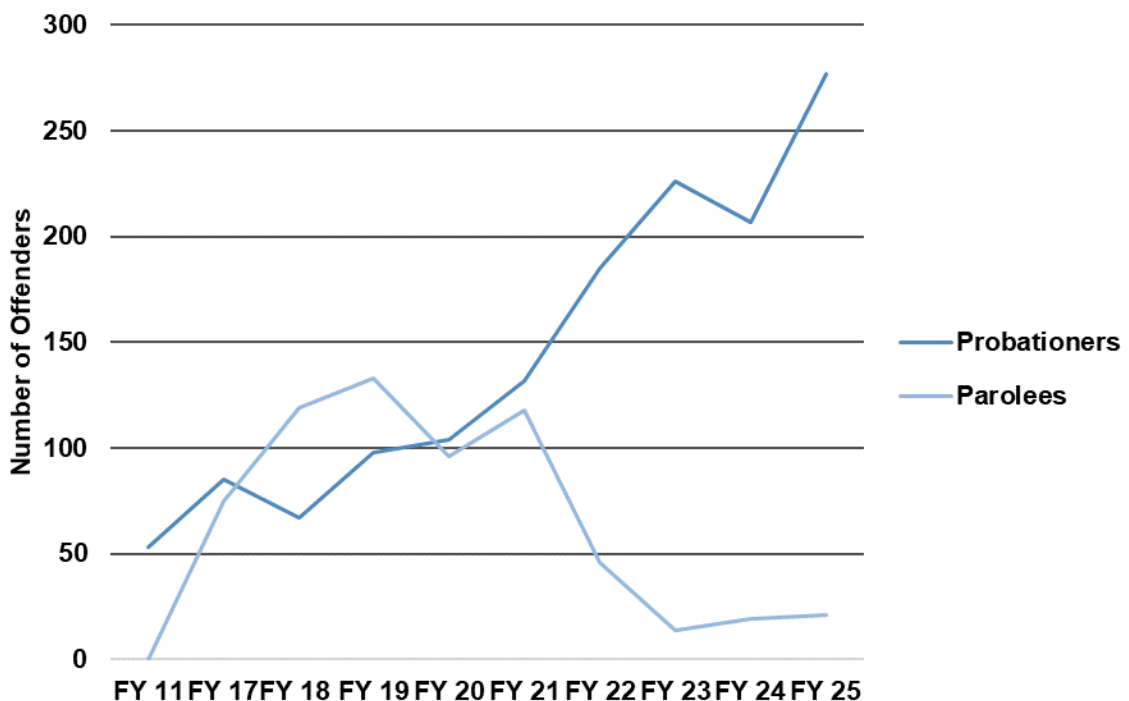
### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as of June 30, 2025)

- 483 inmates are currently eligible by statute
  - 121 (25%) of the eligible inmates are currently scheduled for a parole hearing
- 4,865 inmates have been heard for parole since the inception of the Sentencing Reform Act
  - 1,522 (52%) inmates have been granted parole under this program.
    - 1,311 inmates were released to SCDPPPS' supervision
    - 2 inmates are pending completion of pre-release programming (e.g., Addiction Treatment Unit and Self-Paced in Class Education)
    - 209 inmates had their conditional parole rescinded
- 277 offenders sentenced to probation by the courts in lieu of incarceration
- 10,363 bed days saved for inmates released to parole, which equates to a cost avoidance of \$315,138.83
  - 550,140 total bed days saved (FY 2012 to FY 2025) for inmates released to parole, which equates to a total cost avoidance of \$8,972,572.42
- 590,716 bed days saved for offenders given straight probation, which equates to a cost avoidance of \$17,963,673.56
  - 3,698,822 total bed days saved (FY 2011 to FY 2025) for offenders given straight probation, which equates to a total cost avoidance of \$80,532,531.50

#### § 44-53-375

- Statutory eligibility – ten specific drug offenses and sentence date of June 2, 2010 or later.
  - Non-violent offenders- after serving 25% of their sentence.
  - Violent offenders- after serving 33% of their sentence.

**Admissions to SCDPPPS with SRA Drug Offenses**



## Section 40

## Conditional Discharge

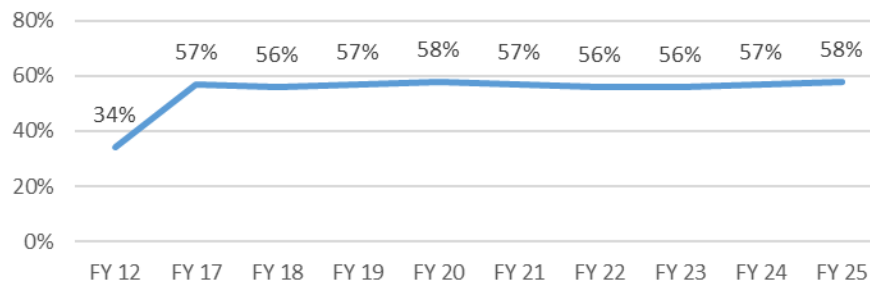
### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as of June 30, 2025)

- 962 offenders were admitted to the program in FY 2025 for a total of 12,765 admissions since inception
- 508 offenders are active in the program
- 970 closures
  - 598 (62%) offenders closed successfully
  - 372 (38%) offenders were returned to the Solicitor's Office
- 6.15 months – average length of supervision
- Conditional Discharge fees (which go to the solicitor) since inception: \$2,533,308 (59%) collected from offenders that are now closed and \$52,000 (28%) from offenders that are still active for a total of \$2,585,308 (58%) collected

### § 44-53-450

- Statutory eligibility – If (1) the defendant has not previously been convicted of any offense under this article, or any offense under any state or federal statute relating to marijuana, or stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic drugs, and (2) the current offense is possession of a controlled substance under either Sections 44-53-370 (c) and (d), or Section 44-53-375 (A) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, then without a guilty adjudication the defendant is placed on probation.
- Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions and payment of a \$350 fee, the court shall discharge the defendant and dismiss the proceedings.

Percentage of Conditional Discharge Program  
Fees Collected



| Total Conditional Discharge Closures |                           |                             |               |              |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| FY                                   | Total Successful Closures | Total Unsuccessful Closures | Total         | % Successful |
| 11                                   | 11                        | 11                          | 22            | 50%          |
| 12                                   | 229                       | 90                          | 319           | 72%          |
| 17                                   | 523                       | 519                         | 1,042         | 50%          |
| 18                                   | 568                       | 635                         | 1,203         | 47%          |
| 19                                   | 586                       | 537                         | 1,123         | 52%          |
| 20                                   | 547                       | 631                         | 1,178         | 46%          |
| 21                                   | 306                       | 336                         | 642           | 48%          |
| 22                                   | 376                       | 381                         | 757           | 50%          |
| 23                                   | 527                       | 480                         | 1007          | 52%          |
| 24                                   | 560                       | 434                         | 994           | 56%          |
| 25                                   | 598                       | 372                         | 970           | 54%          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>6,799</b>              | <b>5,668</b>                | <b>12,467</b> | <b>55%</b>   |

## Sections 45 & 52

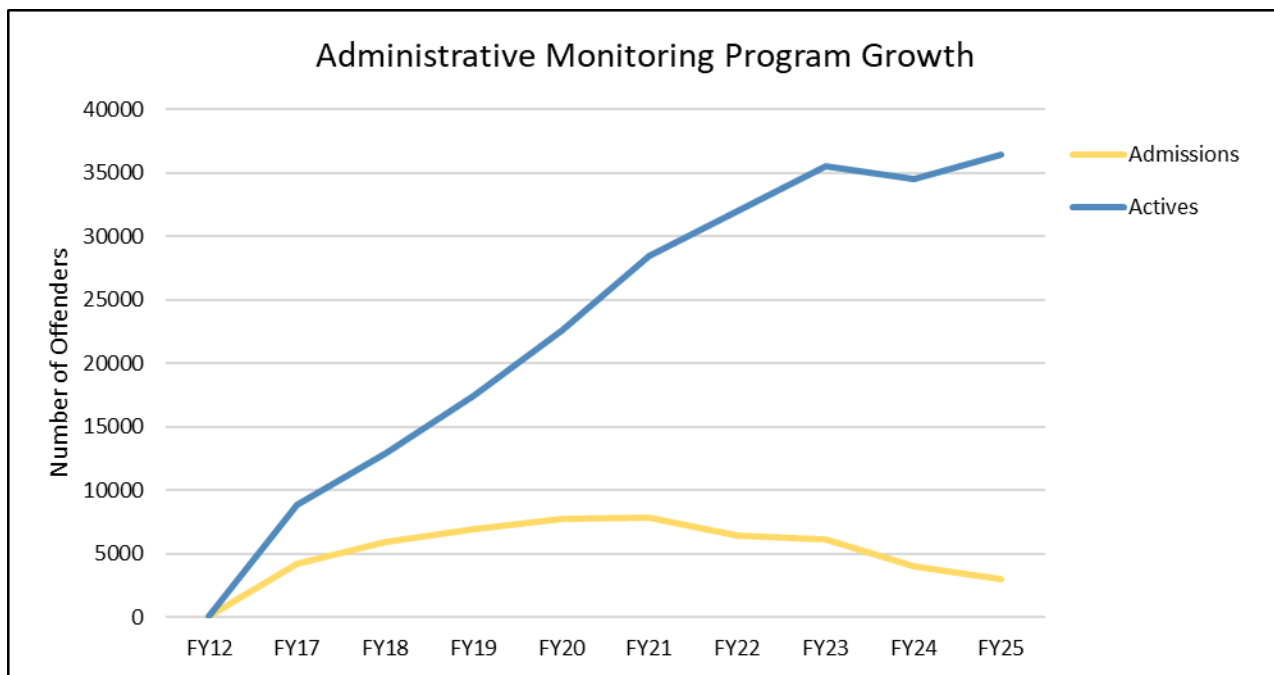
## Administrative Monitoring (AM)

### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as of June 30, 2025)

- 3,048 offenders were admitted to the program
  - 4,027 cases were placed in the program
- 36,409 offenders are active in the program
  - 52,027 active cases in the program
- 1,385 offenders successfully completed the program

### § 24-21-100

- Statutory eligibility – If (1) the offense date of January 1, 2011 or later, and (2) upon the completion of traditional supervision, and if all obligations other than financial have been met, then offender is in fee-monitoring only status.



# Sections 45 & 50

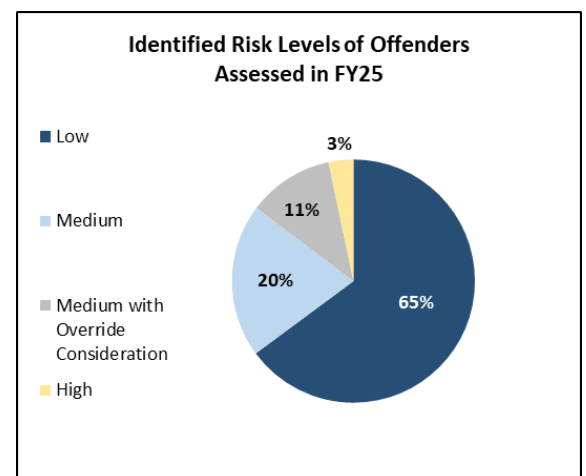
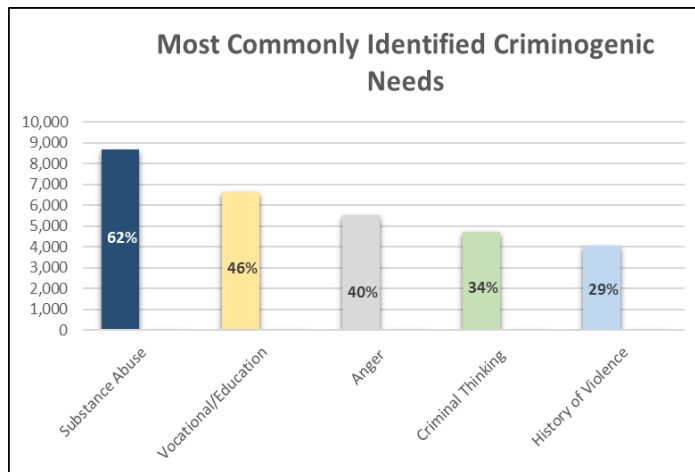
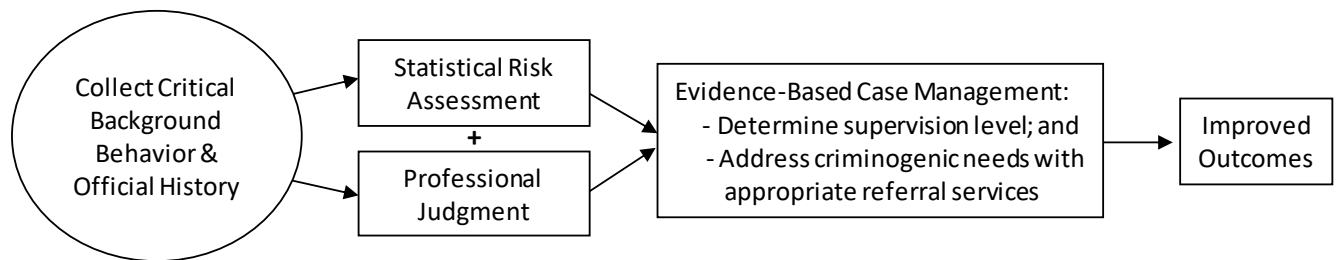
## Supervision Risk/Needs Assessment

### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as of June 30, 2025)

- 13,999 total assessments completed
  - 13,990 Full Core Assessments
  - 9 Recidivism Risk Screeners
- 13,896 Total offenders assessed
- 12,323 Case Supervision Reviews (type of re-assessment) completed
- The diagram below describes how the validated actuarial risk/needs assessment tool is used in conjunction with professional judgment to assess offender risk and determine supervision levels:

#### § 24-21-280(C)

- Adopt a validated actuarial risk/needs assessment tool that is consistent with evidence-based practices.
- The actuarial assessment tool shall include a screener, which shall be used as a triage tool, and a comprehensive version.



### Closures by Risk/Needs Assessment Tool Findings for FY 2025

|                                    | Total Successful Closures | Total Unsuccessful Closures | Total         | % Successful |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Low                                | 7,243                     | 1,164                       | 8,407         | 86%          |
| Medium                             | 2,278                     | 724                         | 3,002         | 76%          |
| Medium with Override Consideration | 1,309                     | 502                         | 1,811         | 72%          |
| High                               | 341                       | 164                         | 505           | 68%          |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>11,171</b>             | <b>2,554</b>                | <b>13,725</b> | <b>81%</b>   |

## Sections 45 & 46

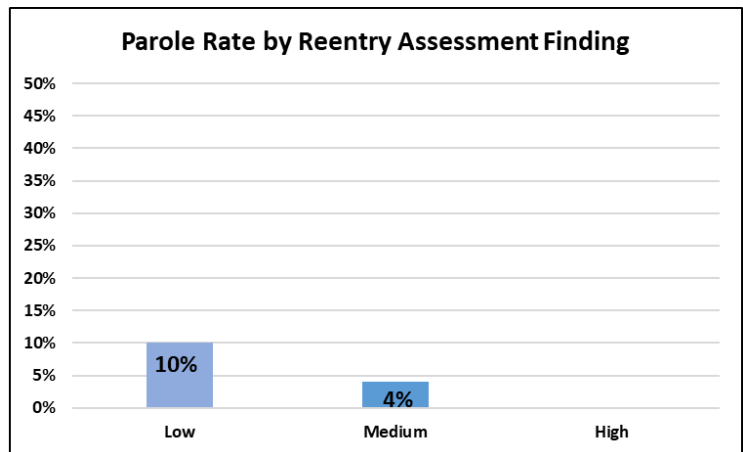
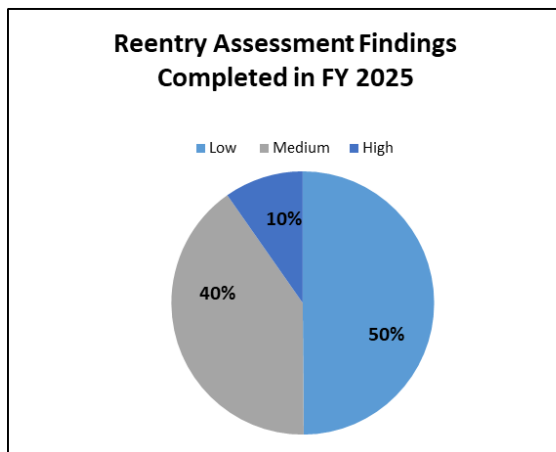
## Parole Risk/Needs Assessment

### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as of June 30, 2025)

- 2,279 reentry assessments completed on inmates eligible for parole (including inmates yet to be heard)

### § 24-21-10(F)

- Adopt a validated actuarial risk/needs assessment tool that is consistent with evidence-based practices.
- In addition to objective criteria, the Parole Board shall use the tool in making parole decisions.



| Assessment Finding | Outcome    |              | Total        | Parole Rate |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
|                    | Parole     | Reject       |              |             |
| Low                | 112        | 1,025        | 1,137        | 10%         |
| Medium             | 37         | 883          | 920          | 4%          |
| High               | 1          | 221          | 222          | 0%          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>150</b> | <b>2,129</b> | <b>2,279</b> | <b>7%</b>   |

NOTE: Due to a small number of inmates being inaccessible (e.g., out of state), this information should not be used to calculate overall parole rates.

## Section 46

## Parole Board Member Training

### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as of June 30, 2025)

- Six board members completed the annual eight-hour agency training on October 3, 2024
- One board member attended the S.C. Law Enforcement Training Conference on November 14, 2024
- Two board members attended the Association of Paroling Authorities International Training conference on May 18, 2025
- One new board member completed a comprehensive training course of 16 hours on May 15, 2025.

### Sample of Training Topics:

- Review and Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Compass/Re-Entry Assessment
- Review of the Department's Progress Toward Public Safety Goals
- Understanding SCDC Victim Services – Apology Letters
- Evidence-Based Practices at SCDPPPS
- The Use of Data in Decision Making
- Medical Parole and Compassionate Release
- Civil Unrest and Extremists
- Prosecuting for the Victim

### § 24-21-10

- Requires new members of the Parole Board to complete a comprehensive training course developed by SCDPPPS using training components consistent with those offered by the National Institute of Corrections or the American Probation and Parole Association.
- Requires each member of the Parole Board to complete eight hours of annual training.

- Protecting the Public While Maintaining a Fair Parole System
- Intro to Eye Movement
- Legal Update
- Second Chance Advocacy Groups

## Section 48

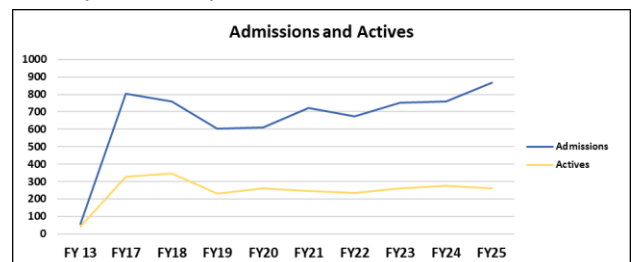
## Supervised Reentry

### FY 2025 Highlights (As of June 30, 2025)

- 2,467 offenders are statutorily eligible for future release
- 868 offenders were admitted to the program
- 262 offenders are active in the program
- 1,681 (97%) offenders placed in the program successfully completed
- 143,655 bed days saved for inmates released to Supervised Reentry, which equates to a cost avoidance of \$4,368,549
  - 1,406,665 total bed days saved (FY 2013 to FY 2025), which equates to a total cost avoidance of \$24,434,984

### § 24-21-32

- Statutory eligibility – offense date of January 1, 2011 or later, and a minimum of two years incarceration must be served (includes credit for time served).
- Mandatory release if criteria are met
- Maximum supervision of 6 months



## Section 50

## Compliance Credits

### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as of June 30, 2025)

- 30,666 offenders were eligible to earn compliance credits at some point during the FY
- 4,874,140 credits could have been earned in FY 2025
- 1,921,043 credits have been earned
- 20,388 offenders have earned compliance credits
- 452,023 compliance credits were revoked
- 4,930 offenders had compliance credits revoked
  - 52% (2,578) of offenders with compliance credits revoked had their credits revoked due to unsuccessful closure of supervision
- 4,044 offenders closed early due to earning compliance credits
  - 199 days - the average number of days that offenders closed early due to compliance credits
  - 24 months - the average time under supervision for offenders who closed early due to compliance credit

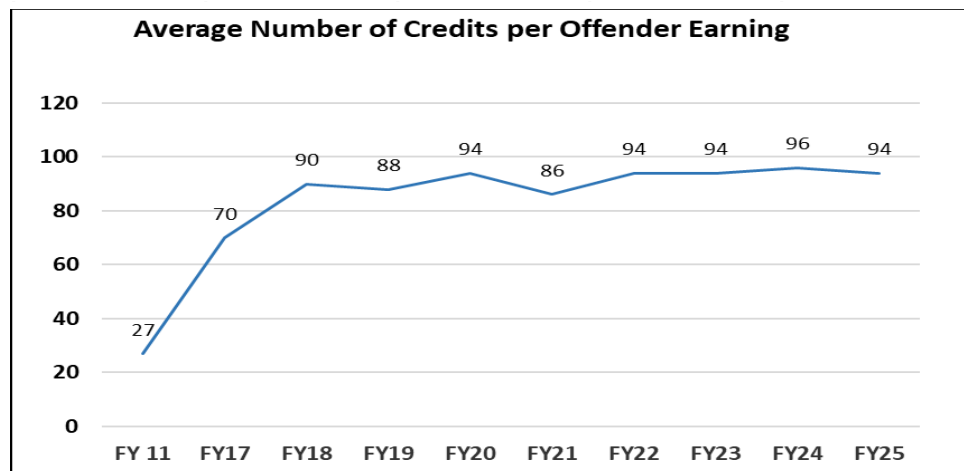
### § 24-21-280

- Statutory eligibility – offense date of January 1, 2011 or later, and an aggregate of 366 days or more of supervision (with no break in supervision).
- Department must identify, calculate and award compliance credits to eligible offenders.
- Statute requires offenders to be current on all their financial obligations.

### Compliance Credit Totals Since Inception

| FY           | # Offenders Eligible to Earn Credits | # Offenders Earning Credits | Potential Credits to be Earned | Credits Earned    | Credits Denied    | Credits Revoked  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 11           | 294                                  | 76                          | 10,220                         | 2,080             | 8,140             | 20               |
| 17           | 31,496                               | 14,799                      | 5,313,916                      | 1,030,733         | 4,283,183         | 76,616           |
| 18           | 33,013                               | 19,791                      | 5,460,797                      | 1,771,558         | 3,689,239         | 79,328           |
| 19           | 34,080                               | 20,375                      | 5,648,119                      | 1,787,150         | 3,860,969         | 187,966          |
| 20           | 33,137                               | 18,687                      | 5,698,787                      | 1,754,757         | 3,944,030         | 211,987          |
| 21           | 29,540                               | 15,935                      | 4,872,438                      | 1,365,422         | 3,507,061         | 179,566          |
| 22           | 28,006                               | 15,478                      | 4,449,331                      | 1,448,563         | 3,000,768         | 187,762          |
| 23           | 28,884                               | 17,817                      | 4,666,486                      | 1,677,178         | 2,989,308         | 214,449          |
| 24           | 29,734                               | 19,162                      | 4,737,070                      | 1,847,475         | 2,889,595         | 347,510          |
| 25           | 30,666                               | 20,388                      | 4,874,140                      | 1,921,043         | 2,953,097         | 452,023          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>379,855</b>                       | <b>198,564</b>              | <b>62,137,107</b>              | <b>16,735,041</b> | <b>45,402,111</b> | <b>2,176,205</b> |

*\*It is possible that offenders earned compliance credits in multiple years.*



## Section 53

## Administrative Sanctions

### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as of June 30, 2025)

- 771 (37%) of the 2,077 individuals revoked for compliance violations were addressed with alternative sanctions that did not impact SCDC
- 59% decrease in total revocations since FY 2010
- 52% decrease in the number of legal process documents issued since FY 2010

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- Department will identify, develop, and implement alternative sanctions to address compliance violations.

### Administrative Sanctions and Legal Process

|                                              | FY<br>2010    | FY<br>2025    | Change<br>FY 2010 to FY 2025 |             |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------|
|                                              |               |               | #                            | %           |
| <b>Active offenders</b>                      | 31,262        | 23,246        | -8,016                       | -26%        |
| <b>Offenders with at least one violation</b> | 23,288        | 14,566        | -8,722                       | -37%        |
| <b>Administrative sanctions</b>              |               |               |                              |             |
| Public Service Employment Conversions        | 1,312         | 20            | -1,292                       | -98%        |
| Public Service Employment Accounts           | 160           | 6             | -154                         | -96%        |
| Financial assessment restructures            | 14,168        | 6,160         | -8,008                       | -57%        |
| Fee exemptions                               | 7,381         | 11,029        | 3,648                        | 49%         |
| Home visits*                                 | 11,754        | 8,412         | -3,342                       | -28%        |
| Other administrative sanctions**             | 2,535         | 6,439         | 3,904                        | 154%        |
| Verbal/written reprimands***                 | 5,367         | 9,155         | 3,788                        | 71%         |
| <b>Total administrative sanctions</b>        | <b>42,677</b> | <b>41,221</b> | <b>-1,456</b>                | <b>-3%</b>  |
| <b>Legal process</b>                         |               |               |                              |             |
| Warrants issued                              | 11,163        | 7,156         | -4,007                       | -36%        |
| Citations issued                             | 16,052        | 5,899         | -10,153                      | -63%        |
| <b>Total legal process</b>                   | <b>27,215</b> | <b>13,055</b> | <b>-14,160</b>               | <b>-52%</b> |

\*Number of home visits on standard level offenders 45 days after start of supervision.

\*\*Number of administrative sanctions documented in violations matrix.

\*\*\*Number of 1182s and 1217s issued. In FY 18, consent orders are pulled separately and included here.

Previously, consent orders were done on 1182s.

### Revocations

|              | FY<br>2010   | FY<br>2025   | Change<br>FY 2010 to FY 2024 |             |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Compliance   | 4,783        | 2,077        | -2,706                       | -57%        |
| New offense  | 880          | 265          | -615                         | -70%        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>5,663</b> | <b>2,342</b> | <b>-3,321</b>                | <b>-59%</b> |

### SCDC Admissions Due to Compliance

|  | FY<br>2010   | FY<br>2025   | Change<br>FY 2010 and FY 2025 |             |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>3,293</b> | <b>1,306</b> | <b>-1,987</b>                 | <b>-60%</b> |

# Administrative Sanctions Imposed at the Administrative Hearings Level (Hearings Officers) for FY 2025

| Administrative Sanctions                                              | Number | Percent |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|------|
| <b>Revocation</b>                                                     |        |         |      |
| Weekend jail                                                          | 23     | 0.1%    |      |
| Partial revocation                                                    | 923    | 5.8%    |      |
| Full revocation                                                       | 1,331  | 8.4%    |      |
| Youthful Offender Act revocation- new active sentence                 | 4      | 0.2%    |      |
| Remain in jail until inpatient treatment                              | 409    | 2.6%    |      |
| Restitution Hearing                                                   | 66     | 0.4%    | 18%  |
| <b>Reporting</b>                                                      |        |         |      |
| Extend supervision                                                    | 434    | 2.7%    |      |
| Extend supervision-terminated upon payment                            | 256    | 1.6%    |      |
| Increase supervision contacts                                         | 315    | 2.0%    |      |
| Decrease supervision contacts                                         | 4      | 0.0%    |      |
| Report more frequently until employed                                 | 3      | 0.0%    | 6%   |
| <b>Financial</b>                                                      |        |         |      |
| Restructure financial obligation                                      | 1,930  | 12.2%   |      |
| Exempt supervision fee(s)                                             | 1,923  | 12.2%   |      |
| Exempt global positioning system (GPS) fee                            | 30     | 0.2%    |      |
| Exempt drug test fee                                                  | 510    | 3.2%    |      |
| Exempt public service employment (PSE) fee                            | 6      | 0.0%    |      |
| PSE conversion                                                        | 19     | 0.1%    |      |
| Stack accounts                                                        | 82     | 0.5%    |      |
| Report more frequently until current                                  | 1      | 0.0%    |      |
| Set time to bring accounts current                                    | 372    | 2.4%    |      |
| Defer payment for time period                                         | 32     | 0.2%    |      |
| Civil judgment for fine/restitution                                   | 157    | 1.0%    |      |
| Budget ledger                                                         | 3      | 0.0%    |      |
| Reduce supervision fee                                                | 632    | 4.0%    | 36%  |
| <b>Substance abuse treatment</b>                                      |        |         |      |
| Inpatient substance use treatment                                     | 348    | 2.2%    |      |
| Outpatient substance use treatment                                    | 839    | 5.3%    |      |
| Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotic Anonymous (AA/NA) 90 in 90              | 13     | 0.1%    |      |
| AA/NA at agent discretion                                             | 43     | 0.3%    |      |
| Half-way house                                                        | 148    | 0.9%    |      |
| Incarceration until bed available                                     | 155    | 1.0%    |      |
| Treatment assessment                                                  | 144    | 0.9%    | 11%  |
| <b>Criminal domestic violence</b>                                     |        |         |      |
| Anger management                                                      | 36     | 0.2%    |      |
| Domestic violence counseling                                          | 277    | 1.8%    |      |
| No contact with victim                                                | 20     | 0.1%    | 2%   |
| <b>Home detention/electronic monitoring/global positioning system</b> |        |         |      |
| Home detention                                                        | 3      | 0.0%    |      |
| Electronic monitoring                                                 | 2      | 0.0%    |      |
| Global positioning system                                             | 15     | 0.1%    | 0%   |
| <b>Public Service Employment (PSE)</b>                                |        |         |      |
| Reinstate PSE                                                         | 26     | 0.2%    |      |
| Impose PSE                                                            | 30     | 0.2%    | 0%   |
| <b>Vocation/education</b>                                             |        |         |      |
| General education diploma (GED)                                       | 29     | 0.2%    |      |
| Write a paper on life goals                                           | 1      | 0.0%    |      |
| Vocational rehabilitation                                             | 94     | 0.6%    |      |
| Five job applications per day                                         | 5      | 0.0%    |      |
| Complete job search forms                                             | 22     | 0.1%    |      |
| Department of Employment and Workforce                                | 2      | 0.0%    | 1%   |
| <b>Behavioral treatment</b>                                           |        |         |      |
| Mental health treatment/evaluation                                    | 165    | 1.0%    |      |
| Grief counseling                                                      | 7      | 0.0%    |      |
| Family counseling                                                     | 1      | 0.0%    |      |
| Sex offender counseling                                               | 38     | 0.2%    |      |
| Restrict where offender may live                                      | 20     | 0.1%    |      |
| Mandate where offender lives                                          | 84     | 0.5%    |      |
| Restrict contact with certain people                                  | 32     | 0.2%    |      |
| Letter of Apology to Family                                           | 1      | 0.0%    |      |
| Zero tolerance for future violations                                  | 508    | 3.2%    |      |
| Remove special conditions                                             | 68     | 0.4%    |      |
| <b>Other</b>                                                          | 3,151  | 20.0%   | 26%  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                          | 15,792 | 100%    | 100% |

## Section 55

## Parole for Terminally Ill, Geriatric, or Permanently Disabled Inmates

### FY 2025 Highlights (All information as June 30, 2025)

- 1 referral received from SCDC during FY 2024
- 38 referrals received from SCDC since inception of SRA
  - 7 inmates were never heard for medical parole
    - 5 inmates were found to have “no parole” offenses
    - 1 inmate died prior to being heard
    - 1 inmate no longer met the criteria
  - 14 inmates were heard and rejected for conditional parole
    - 2 inmates died prior to next hearing
    - 4 inmates have since been released due to sentence expiration
    - 8 inmates no longer met the criteria
  - 17 inmates were granted conditional parole
    - 3 inmates’ parole was rescinded
    - 2 inmates died prior to being released
    - 10 inmates were released on parole but are no longer under supervision due to completing term of parole
    - 2 inmates were released on parole and are still under supervision
  - No inmates are still incarcerated

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- SCDPPPS to provide supervision for inmates paroled due to designated status if (1) the offender is terminally ill, geriatric, permanently incapacitated, or any combination of these conditions; and (2) does not pose a threat to society or himself/herself.

## Appendix

### **Cost Avoidance Methodology**

- In FY 2012, the SROC received technical assistance from the VERA Institute of Justice's Cost Benefit Analysis Unit to prepare a calculation of the cost avoidance to SCDC and to develop a methodology that would allow for this calculation to be used in the future.
- SCDPPPS and SCDC agreed that the calculation would include both variable and step-fixed costs. Step-fixed costs would be calculated by using the ratio of inmates to correctional officers.
- The step-fixed cost avoidance model developed in FY 2012 did not consider prison closures.
- A template was developed, and the FY 2012 cost avoidance calculation was approved on December 14, 2012.
- In FY 2017, the model was modified to consider prison closures.
- The template of methodology located on page 22 was used for the FY 2025 cost avoidance and describes all variables used to generate the total cost avoidance for FY 2025.

| Fiscal year of analysis                                          |            | 2025                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a Days per year                                                  | 365        | Number of days in FY 2025                                                                            |
| Highlighted fields are user inputs. Other fields are calculated. |            |                                                                                                      |
| <b>Section 1 - Bed-Days Avoided</b>                              |            |                                                                                                      |
| <b>Housing</b>                                                   |            |                                                                                                      |
| 1 PPP Avoided Bed-Days                                           | 801,566    | Bed Days Saved FY10 - FY25                                                                           |
| 2 PPP Avoided Bed-Years                                          | 2,196      | line 1 / line a (days per year)                                                                      |
| 3 Beds per Housing Unit                                          | 144        | 144 inmates per unit (wing or dorm) of institution (per SCDC)                                        |
| 4 Avoided Units                                                  | 15.0       | line 2 / line 3 (rounded down)                                                                       |
| 5 Beds per Institution                                           | 432        | 432 inmates per institution                                                                          |
| 6 Avoided institutions                                           | 5.0        | line 2 / line 5 (rounded down)                                                                       |
| <b>Housing Unit Staffing</b>                                     |            |                                                                                                      |
| 7 Correctional Officers per Unit                                 | 4.0        | Four officers fill two 12-hour shifts                                                                |
| 8 Avoided Dorm Officers                                          | 60.0       | line 4 x line 7                                                                                      |
| <b>Institution Staffing</b>                                      |            |                                                                                                      |
| 9 Other Correctional Officers per Institution                    | 6.0        | Each institution has 6 correctional officers (excluding dorm officers)                               |
| 10 Avoided Correctional Officers                                 | 30.0       | line 6 x line 9                                                                                      |
| 11 Shift Supervisors per Institution                             | 4.0        | Each institution has 4 security shift supervisors                                                    |
| 12 Avoided Shift Supervisors                                     | 20.0       | line 6 x line 11                                                                                     |
| 13 Administrative Assistants per Institution                     | 2.0        | Each institution has 2 administrative assistants                                                     |
| 14 Avoided Administrative Assistants                             | 10.0       | line 6 x line 13                                                                                     |
| 15 Supply Managers per Institution                               | 1.0        | Each institution has 1 supply manager                                                                |
| 16 Avoided Supply Managers                                       | 5.0        | line 6 x line 15                                                                                     |
| 17 Caseworkers per Institution                                   | 1.0        | Each institution has 1 caseworker                                                                    |
| 18 Avoided Caseworkers                                           | 5.0        | line 6 x line 17                                                                                     |
| 19 Human Services Specialists per Institution                    | 1.0        | Each institution has 1 human services specialist                                                     |
| 20 Avoided Human Services Specialists                            | 5.0        | line 6 x line 19                                                                                     |
| 21 Wardens per Institution                                       | 1.0        | Each institution has 1 warden                                                                        |
| 22 Avoided Wardens                                               | 5.0        | line 6 x line 21                                                                                     |
| 23 Food Services Specialists per Institution                     | 3.0        | Each institution has 3 food service specialists                                                      |
| 24 Avoided Food Services Specialists                             | 15.0       | line 6 x line 23                                                                                     |
| 25 Trades Specialists per Institution                            | 1.0        | Each institution has 1 trade specialist                                                              |
| 26 Avoided Trades Specialists                                    | 5.0        | line 6 x line 25                                                                                     |
| 27 Vehicle Operators per Institution                             | 2.0        | Each institution has 2 vehicle operators                                                             |
| 28 Avoided Vehicle Operators                                     | 10.0       | line 6 x line 27                                                                                     |
| <b>Section 2 - Marginal Costs</b>                                |            |                                                                                                      |
| <b>Variable Costs Per Inmate</b>                                 |            |                                                                                                      |
| 29 Food Per Diem                                                 | \$ 3.54    | FY 25 Variable Food Cost                                                                             |
| 30 Health Care Per Diem                                          | \$ 11.37   | FY 25 Variable Health Cost                                                                           |
| 31 Total Per Diem Variable Costs                                 | \$ 14.91   | line 29 + line 30                                                                                    |
| 32 Total Per Annum Variable Costs                                | \$ 5,442   | line 31 x line a (days per year)                                                                     |
| <b>Step-fixed Costs Per Inmate</b>                               |            |                                                                                                      |
| <b>Health Care and other programming</b>                         |            |                                                                                                      |
| 33 Health/programming personnel per diem                         | \$ -       | No cost avoided. Level 1 institutions typically do not have full-time medical / mental health staff. |
| <b>Step-fixed Salary Costs</b>                                   |            |                                                                                                      |
| 34 Correctional Officer Salary (Officer I)                       | \$ 45,050  | SCEIS 1018 Report 10/22/2025                                                                         |
| 35 Security Shift Supervisor Salary                              | \$ 62,060  | SCEIS 1018 Report 10/22/2025                                                                         |
| 36 Level 1 Warden Salary                                         | \$ 105,941 | Estimate based on level 1 facilities on 10/1/2025.                                                   |
| 37 Supply Manager Salary                                         | \$ 45,300  | Estimate based on level 1 facilities on 10/1/2025.                                                   |
| 38 Caseworker Salary                                             | \$ 48,578  | Estimate based on level 1 facilities on 10/1/2025.                                                   |
| 39 Human Services Specialist Salary                              | \$ 53,367  | Estimate based on level 1 facilities on 10/1/2025.                                                   |
| 40 Food Services Specialist Salary                               | \$ 45,521  | Estimate based on level 1 facilities on 10/1/2025.                                                   |
| 41 Trades Specialist Salary                                      | \$ 73,918  | Estimate based on level 1 facilities on 10/1/2025.                                                   |
| 42 Vehicle Operator Salary                                       | \$ 31,200  | Estimate based on level 1 facilities on 10/1/2025.                                                   |
| 43 Administrative Assistant Salary                               | \$ 41,067  | Estimate based on level 1 facilities on 10/1/2025.                                                   |
| 44 Fringe Benefit Rate                                           | 51.27%     | Per Budget Division 10/23/2025.                                                                      |
| 45 Salary & Benefits (Officer I)                                 | \$ 68,147  | line 34 + (line 34 x line 44)                                                                        |
| 46 Salary & Benefits (Shift Supervisor)                          | \$ 93,878  | line 35 + (line 35 x line 44)                                                                        |
| 47 Salary & Benefits (Warden)                                    | \$ 160,257 | line 36 + (line 36 x line 44)                                                                        |
| 48 Salary & Benefits (Supply Mgr.)                               | \$ 68,525  | line 37 + (line 37 x line 44)                                                                        |
| 49 Salary & Benefits (Caseworker)                                | \$ 73,484  | line 38 + (line 38 x line 44)                                                                        |

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## Cost Avoidance Calculation

| Fiscal year of analysis |                                                     | 2025         |                                                                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 50                      | Salary & Benefits (Human Ser. Sp.)                  | \$ 80,728    | line 39 + (line 39 x line 44)                                                 |
| 51                      | Salary & Benefits (Food Ser. Sp.)                   | \$ 68,860    | line 40 + (line 40 x line 44)                                                 |
| 52                      | Salary & Benefits (Trades Sp.)                      | \$ 111,816   | line 41 + (line 41 x line 44)                                                 |
| 53                      | Salary & Benefits (Vehicle Oper.)                   | \$ 47,196    | line 42 + (line 42 x line 44)                                                 |
| 54                      | Salary & Benefits (Admin. Assist.)                  | \$ 62,122    | line 43 + (line 43 x line 44)                                                 |
| 55                      | Officer I Step-Fixed Cost                           | \$ 6,133,242 | (line 8 x line 45) + (line 10 x line 45)                                      |
| 56                      | Shift Supervisor Step-Fixed Cost                    | \$ 1,877,563 | line 12 x line 46                                                             |
| 57                      | Warden Step-fixed Cost                              | \$ 801,285   | line 22 x line 47                                                             |
| 58                      | Supply Manager Step-fixed Cost                      | \$ 342,627   | line 16 x line 48                                                             |
| 59                      | Caseworker Step-fixed Cost                          | \$ 367,420   | line 18 x line 49                                                             |
| 60                      | Human Services Specialist Step-fixed Cost           | \$ 403,641   | line 20 x line 50                                                             |
| 61                      | Food Services Specialist Step-fixed Cost            | \$ 1,032,894 | line 24 x line 51                                                             |
| 62                      | Trade Specialist Step-fixed Cost                    | \$ 369,590   | line 26 x line 41                                                             |
| 63                      | Vehicle Operator Step-fixed Cost                    | \$ 471,962   | line 28 x line 53                                                             |
| 64                      | Administrative Assistant Step-fixed Cost            | 621,221      | line 14 x line 54                                                             |
| 65                      | Officer Cost Avoidance                              | \$ 8,010,805 | line 55 + line 56                                                             |
| 66                      | Officer Cost Avoidance per Inmate                   | \$ 9.99      | line 65 / line 1                                                              |
| 67                      | Administrative Cost Avoidance (Institutions Closed) | \$ 4,410,639 | line 57 + line 58 + line 59 + line 60 + line 61 + line 62 + line 63 + line 64 |

## Section 3 - Cost Avoidance and Maximum Reinvestment

|    |                           |               |                   |
|----|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 68 | Variable cost avoidance   | \$ 11,951,349 | line 1 x line 31  |
| 69 | Step-fixed cost avoidance | \$ 12,421,445 | line 65 + line 67 |
| 70 | Grand total               | \$ 24,372,794 | line 68 + line 69 |
| 71 | Maximum reinvestment      | \$ 8,530,478  | 35% x line 70     |

Note: This cost avoidance calculation assumes that there are no vacancies within the agency to absorb layoffs from closed institutions and that all current FTEs are fully funded.

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