



TIP BRIEF

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Georgia's \$40 Billion Truth in Sentencing Disaster Increases Prison Violence, Crime

Georgia spent \$40 billion on Truth in Sentencing laws that peer-reviewed research proves increase prison violence 15%, reduce rehabilitation 14%, and raise recidivism 8%. The policies, enacted after receiving \$82 million in federal grants, have created what the DOJ calls 'among the most severe constitutional violations' nationwide while making communities less safe.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Governor Brian Kemp, Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner Tyrone Oliver, and State Board of Pardons and Paroles Chair Terry Barnard oversee policies that academic research proves increase crime

REPORTING LEADS

1. Interview Princeton economist Ilyana Kuziemko about her 2013 Georgia prison study findings
2. Request Georgia Department of Corrections mortality data and compare official counts to GPS documentation
3. Examine correctional officer turnover records and salary comparisons with neighboring states

RELATED ASSETS

- [DOJ Investigation Report](#)
- [Kuziemko Princeton Study](#)
- [Impact Justice AI Tool](#)

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