Justice Reinvestment Task Force Package (*bills and sponsors)*

1: Implementing a felony class system – Senator John Alario (R) – SB 220

(Task Force recommendations 1, 5, 6 + 7)

- **Implement a felony class system to eliminate inconsistencies in sentence length and parole eligibility.**
- **Revise drug penalties to target higher-level drug offenders,**
- **Consolidate laws on property crimes and raise the value threshold for felony charges.**
- **Distinguish penalties for weapons offenses and enhancements according to the severity of the underlying crime.**

2: Executing best practices in release and community supervision - Senator Danny Martiny (R) – SB 139

(Task Force recommendations 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 + majority recommendation 1)

- **Eliminate inconsistencies in release policies.**
- **Increase equity in sentencing by applying nonviolent parole changes to currently incarcerated offenders.**
- **Expand eligibility for alternatives to incarceration.**
- **Establish a temporary furlough policy for inmates with serious medical needs.**
- **Expand incentives for inmates to participate in recidivism reduction programming.**
- **Streamline parole releases for those who are compliant with case plans and institutional rules.**
- **Focus community supervision on the highest-risk period by reducing maximum probation terms and establishing an earned compliance credit incentive**
- **Address gaps and deficiencies in swift, certain, and proportional sanctions for violations of probation and parole conditions.**
- **Provide the opportunity for parole consideration to some of Louisiana's longest-serving inmates.**

3: Extending possibility of parole to juveniles sentenced to life - Senator Daniel Claitor (R) – SB 16

(Task Force recommendation 11)

- **Provide the opportunity for juveniles who were sentenced to life sentences to apply for parole after serving 30 years.**

4: Focusing use of the habitual offender enhancement on serious offenders – Senator John Alario (R) – SB 221

(Task Force recommendation 8 + majority recommendation 4)

- **Reduce the window of time for which certain prior crimes would count toward current habitual offender penalty enhancements.**
- **Focus habitual offender penalties on more serious crimes.**

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5: Ensuring that criminal justice debt is not a barrier to reentry – Representative Tanner Magee (R) – HB 249 ***(Task Force recommendations 16 and 17)***
• **Tailor criminal justice financial obligations to a person's ability to pay.** • **Modify penalties for failure to pay criminal justice financial obligations.**
6: Improving victim notification – Representative Stephen Dwight (R) - HB 116 ***(Task Force recommendation 3)***
• **Improve and streamline the victim notification process, including registration into the system.**
7: Monitoring the outcomes of Justice Reinvestment, and mandating that more than 50 percent of savings are reinvested – Representative Walt Leger (D) – HB 489 ***(Task Force recommendations 20 and 21)***
• **Mandate data collection and tracking of performance measures to monitor implementation and outcomes of the state's Justice Reinvestment reforms.** • **Reinvest more than half of the dollars saved from reduction in the state prisoner population.**
8: Mitigating the collateral consequences of felony convictions - Child support payments while incarcerated – Representative Joe Marino (I) – HB 426 ***(Task Force recommendation 15)***
• **Directing judges to consider incarceratory status when ordering child support.**
9: Mitigating the collateral consequences of felony convictions – Food stamp benefits – Representative Helena Moreno (D) – HB 177 ***(Task Force recommendation 15)***
• **Eliminate the restriction for those with drug convictions from receiving food stamp benefits during their first year following release.**
10: Mitigating the collateral consequences of felony convictions - Licensing boards – Representative Julie Emerson (R) – HB 519 ***(Task Force recommendation 15)***
• **Ensure the ability of those reentering the community to earn full occupational licenses.**