



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Over the past three years, the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform was successful in its study of the Georgia adult corrections and juvenile justice systems as well as in its subsequent recommendations to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS: In 2012, the General Assembly drafted House Bill 1176 based on the recommendations of the Council and passed the bill unanimously; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, the General Assembly drafted House Bill 242 and House Bill 349 based on the recommendations of the Council and passed the bills overwhelmingly; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 349 statutorily created the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; and

WHEREAS: I have tasked the Council with its first order of business being a comprehensive review and subsequent policy recommendations to improve reentry services and substantially reduce the recidivism rates among both adult and juvenile populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That, on July 1, 2013, the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry be created. The mission of the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry is to ensure successful offender reentry to the State of Georgia, to reduce recidivism, to enhance public safety through collaboration among stakeholders and to assist in ensuring the appropriate and responsible use of cost savings realized by justice reforms through reinvestment in evidence-based, community-centered services.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry is to collaborate and work with the Council on Criminal Justice Reform, Department of Corrections, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Department of Community Health, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Affairs, the Governor's Office of Workforce Development and other non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a robust and systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and to ensure the delivery of appropriate services to offenders reentering society.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry be funded through a partnership of the aforementioned agencies and be attached, for administrative purposes only, to the Department of Corrections.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Braxton Cotton is hereby appointed as Director of the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That a Deputy Director and a Services Coordinator be appointed by the Director and serve at the pleasure of the Director.

This 24 day of June, 2013.



GOVERNOR