

Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act

AMERICANS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS NEED TO GET TO WORK

Parole and probation failures put communities at risk and cost states hundreds of millions of dollars

Caseloads are often twice recommended levels, making it **difficult for officers to supervise high-risk individuals**



More than 100,000 people are sent to prison for **new crimes committed while on community supervision**

Work is the strongest indicator of successful reentry



The estimated unemployment rate

for people with a criminal record is more than 25%



Work is about more than a paycheck—

it provides meaning, strengthens social connections, and supports strong families

INCENTIVES MATTER



Surveys and data show that **earned time credit systems** create powerful incentives for individuals to safely reenter society

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PAROLE AND PROBATION NEED TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR,
EQUIP PEOPLE WITH THE TOOLS TO REBUILD THEIR
LIVES, AND FACILITATE SAFE REENTRY INTO COMMUNITIES

States can use earned time credits to reward those who find and keep a job

The Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act gives parolees and probationers a **set number of days off their sentences** for every month of verified employment



When lower-risk individuals can **finish their supervision period early by working**, caseloads fall—allowing officers to focus on higher-risk offenders

16 states offer earned time credits for community supervision



Evidence from across the country shows that **time credits do not threaten public safety**



Arizona, South Carolina, and Missouri offer time credits that have **successfully reduced supervision populations** without increasing crime



Kentucky recently became the first state to enact a time credit system that **rewards steady employment**

BOTTOM LINE

More parolees and probationers finding work means fewer will commit new crimes, making communities safer, improving supervision programs, and saving taxpayers millions of dollars