



Keeping Communities and Correctional Facilities Safe

Safety and Security of Correctional Facilities and Personnel

- Establishes a new Public Safety Reserve, of which \$25 million will be used to improve safety and security in correctional facilities. Funds can be used for physical improvements to facilities, purchase of personal safety equipment, improvements to communication and data systems, development of security plans and procedures, and training of personnel.
- Promotes recruitment and retention of public safety personnel with over \$36 million in compensation increases, benefit enhancements, and recruitment efforts, including:
 - A \$1,000 annual salary increase for certified law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, and employees based in state correctional institutions and state-operated healthcare facilities. This is in addition to the \$1,250 or 2% cost of living adjustment for all state employees.
 - \$10 million to create a supplemental retirement plan for correctional officers.
 - \$500,000 for sign-on and referral bonuses for hard-to-fill and high-turnover public safety positions and an additional \$500,000 to enhance recruitment efforts.
- Invests \$2.9 million to improve training, reduce contraband, and enhance safety in correctional facilities.

Raise the Age

- Supports the implementation of “Raise the Age” legislation, which raises the age of juvenile jurisdiction for nonviolent crimes from age 16 to 18, effective December 1, 2019.
- Provides \$7.5 million to increase staff, strengthen training, and establish focused programming for the 16- and 17-year-old population that will be entering the juvenile justice system.
- Provides \$2.4 million to the Administrative Office of the Courts for additional District Court staff and to modify the JWisE information management system to accommodate the increased juvenile caseload.

Re-entry Initiatives

- Provides funding for four additional licensed clinical social workers to provide advanced training and clinical case consultation to field officers to more effectively assist individuals on probation, parole, or post-release who have serious and persistent mental health issues.
- Establishes four positions to provide training and coordination of non-profit and faith-based organizations aimed at helping individuals find employment, secure housing, and other re-entry services.

School Safety and Youth Mental Health

- Establishes a new Public Safety Reserve, of which \$65 million is targeted for building improvements related to safety and security at public schools, state universities, and community colleges.
- Provides \$40 million to hire additional school nurses, counselors, psychologists, and social workers to support students and positively impact youth mental health.
- Invests an additional \$10 million for school resource officers (SROs), including \$7 million to increase the allotment of funds for high school SROs and \$3 million to expand the grant program for officers stationed at elementary and middle schools.
- Invests \$15 million for innovative programs to support the mental health needs of children and youth.