

# NC Second Chance Alliance

Restoring Opportunities. Strengthening Communities. Preserving Resources.

**We Are** a statewide alliance of individuals with criminal records, service providers, faith-based organizations, community leaders and concerned citizens that have come together to achieve the safe and successful reintegration of people with criminal records by promoting policies that reduce barriers to prosperous, law-abiding citizenship.

**We Believe** the current system of incarceration and re-incarceration is eroding the safety of our communities, draining our state's resources, and failing those who have paid their debts to society.

## A Revolving-Door Criminal Justice System

- At least 1.6 million North Carolinians have a criminal record (1 in 5 adults)
- Currently, 37,000 people are in our state prisons and 85,000 people are on probation
- 98% of people in prison will eventually be released— 23,000 are returning home in 2017
- More than 900 state laws impose civil disabilities based on criminal records
- 92% of employers require background checks
- Two-year re-arrest rate of 40%
- Avg. annual cost of a prison bed is \$23,000

**We Thank You** for the General Assembly's recent bipartisan efforts to reduce barriers to reentry:

Session Law 2011-278 Expunction of Nonviolent Offense by Minor (Sen. McKissick, Sen. Daniel)

S.L. 2011-265 Certificate of Relief Act (Rep. Guice, Rep. Floyd)

S.L. 2012-191 Expunction of Nonviolent Offense by Adult (Rep. Daughtry)

S.L. 2012-168 Law Enforcement Changes (Local Reentry Councils) (Sen. Apodaca)

S.L. 2013-23 Good Samaritan Law/Naloxone Access (Sen. Bingham, Sen. Allran)

S.L. 2013-24 Use of Criminal Records by Licensing Boards (Sen. Hartsell)

S.L. 2013-53 Prohibit Expunction Inquiry (Sen. Kinnaird, Sen. Goolsby, Sen. Daniel)

S.L. 2015-48 Facilitate Successful Reentry (Rep. Glazier, Rep. Graham)

S.L. 2015-284 Pilot Project/Used Needle Disposal (Rep. Faircloth, Rep. Horn, Rep. Harrison)

## **We Ask You to Support:**

- A **fair chance hiring policy** for public employment with state agencies that facilitates fair consideration of an applicant's criminal history—HB 409 State Agencies/Adjust Hiring Practices (Reps. Turner, Hardister, Pierce)
- **Raising the Age** of criminal prosecution to age 18—HB 280/SB 564 Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act (Reps. McGrady, Lewis, Duane Hall, S. Martin, Sen. Barringer)
- Investments in education, treatment, and other **reentry-focused programs in jails and prisons** as well as **community-based reentry services**, including local reentry councils.
- Increase access and eligibility for **expungement of criminal records**—HB 621/SB 445 Expungement Process Modifications (Sens. Tucker, Britt, Bryant, McKissick, Reps. Faircloth, Stevens, McGrady, Reives)
- Expand eligibility for **certificates of relief** to multiple convictions—HB /SB 455 Amend Certificate of Relief (Reps. Faircloth, Harrison, Sens. Daniel, Britt, McKissick, Bryant)
- **Decriminalization of drug addiction and increased treatment resources**—HB 243/SB 175 Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act (Sens. J. Davis, McInnis, Rabon, Reps. Murphy, Davis, Malone, Horn)
- Provide DAs the discretion to **increase access to deferred prosecution programs**—S457 Amend Deferred Prosecution Statute (Sens. McKissick, Daniel, Britt, )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, support second chances and ask you to do the same.

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