THE COSTS OF INCARCERATION IN MISSOURI
AND THE BENEFITS OF SENTENCING
ALTERNATIVES

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- 5726 Prisoners (1980)
- 14943 Prisoners (1990)
- 28735 Prisoners (2001)
I. PRISON GROWTH

1980: 5,726 INMATES
1990: 14,943 INMATES
2001: 28,735 INMATES

II. COSTS OF IMPRISONMENT

$500 MILLION (EXCLUDING CAPITAL COSTS)

ABOUT $40 PER DAY PER INMATE

> $50 MILLION IN MEDICAL SERVICES
III. COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

ABOUT 64,000 (TWICE THE PRISON POPULATION)

53,000 ON PROBATION
11,000 ON PAROLE

54,000 UNDER "REGULAR" SUPERVISION
10,000 UNDER "INTENSIVE" SUPERVISION

COSTS: $86 MILLION (17% OF PRISON BUDGET)
$3.50 PER PERSON PER DAY
$2.00 REGULAR
$12.00 INTENSIVE

IV. ALTERNATIVES

CAPACITY-SENSITIVE PRISON ADMISSION

AGE-SENSITIVE PRISON RELEASE

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION FOR NON-VIOLENT DRUG OFFENDERS

SUNSET TRUTH-IN-SENTENCING
V. SAVINGS

EVERY 100 PERSONS UNDER INTENSIVE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION INSTEAD OF PRISON SAVES ABOUT $1 MILLION PER YEAR

VI. LEGISLATION

SB5 (CASKEY)

KEY PROVISIONS:

JUDICIAL DISCRETION RE "PRIOR AND PERSISTENT" DRUG SENTENCING
ASSET SEIZURE
ALCOHOL TREATMENT
SENTENCING GUIDELINES

HB558 (EL-AMIN)

ESTABLISHES COMMISSION ON
ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING

VII. EVALUATE, EVALUATE, EVALUATE