



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

DELIVERING ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM



Governor Whitmer has worked across the aisle to enact historic criminal justice reform. She will work with anyone to reduce recidivism, expand opportunity, and put more Michiganders on paths to a brighter future.

Reforming criminal justice

- Signed [Clean Slate bills](#) making hundreds of thousands of Michiganders eligible for records expungement, expanding their opportunities for jobs and housing. Invested millions of dollars to assist returning citizens with expungement.
- Signed [Clean Slate For Kids](#) creating a process to automatically expunge juvenile records for those who don't commit future offenses.
- Signed [Raise the Age](#) ensuring anyone under 18 is treated as a minor in juvenile court and receives rehabilitation services in the juvenile justice system to reduce recidivism.
- Signed the [Good Moral Character](#) package expanding opportunities for Michiganders post-conviction or post-judgment.
- Signed a [civil asset forfeiture](#) package to increase property protections for individuals who have not been convicted of a crime.
- Signed [a bill](#) allowing individuals who committed a drug-related offense, or have outstanding warrants for such offenses, to access benefits like SNAP.
- Established [Jobs Court](#), a court diversion program to put hundreds of Michiganders accused of low-level, nonviolent offenses in good-paying jobs.
- Invested in [community jail diversion programs](#) to divert individuals with mental illness, substance abuse disorders, or disabilities from custody and provide support services.
- Established a policy that will guarantee critical medical resources and support to Department of Corrections' [pregnant and post-partum prisoners and their newborns](#).
- Launched the [Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration](#) to expand alternatives to jail and improve the effectiveness of the front end of Michigan's justice system.
- Launched the [Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform](#) to improve the juvenile justice system and [proposed](#) funding to implement recommendations.
- Secured [\\$150 million](#) in Statewide Judicial Case Management, to make court operations more efficient. [Proposed](#) additional funding.
- Invested [nearly \\$15 million](#) to reduce the cost of prisoner telephone charges, promoting their successful rehabilitation and reentry in society.
- Proposed [record investment](#) in Department of Civil Rights to support their mission.

Building relationships between the public and law enforcement

- Secured [\\$10.8 million](#) to fund community violence intervention programs, using evidence-based solutions to tackle the root causes of community violence.
- Made Michigan a leader in police [transparency and accountability](#) with public access to force and traffic stop data and department policies and training requirements.
- Signed a [package of bills](#) to provide behavioral health crisis response grants to local governments or expand community-based mobile crisis intervention services.
- Invested [millions](#) to expand the use of body cameras, provide de-escalation trainings and other professional development and training efforts for law enforcement.
- [Called on the legislature](#) to ban chokeholds, limit no-knock warrants, require independent investigations of all police shootings, mandate retention of disciplinary records resulting from improper use of force, and more.