



SENATE BILL 174

GEORGIA 3-YEAR REVIEW: FY18-FY20

In 2014, Georgia had the highest probation rate in the nation, with 1 in 17 adults under felony or misdemeanor probation supervision (Council of State Government, 2018). Georgia streamlined the supervision of felony probationers and parolees in 2015 with the creation of the Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS). As part of Georgia's justice reinvestment legislation to address the challenges of the criminal justice system, Senate Bill (SB) 174 was enacted on July 1, 2017.

33%

reduction in caseload size since the enactment of SB174, from **138** to **93**.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Unsupervised Status

After serving no more than 2 years of active supervision, Senate Bill (SB) 174 permits supervisees to be transitioned to unsupervised status.

- Since FY18, **76,488 supervisees** were approved for unsupervised status.

Behavioral Incentive Date (BID)

When ordered a BID, probation cases may early terminate within 3 years after sentencing.

- 94,936 (76.5%) new cases were straight probation
- About half (53%) of those straight probation cases **were BID eligible**, of which 7,941 (15.7%) **were ordered BID**
- To date, **213 (2.7%)** probation cases were early terminated by BID

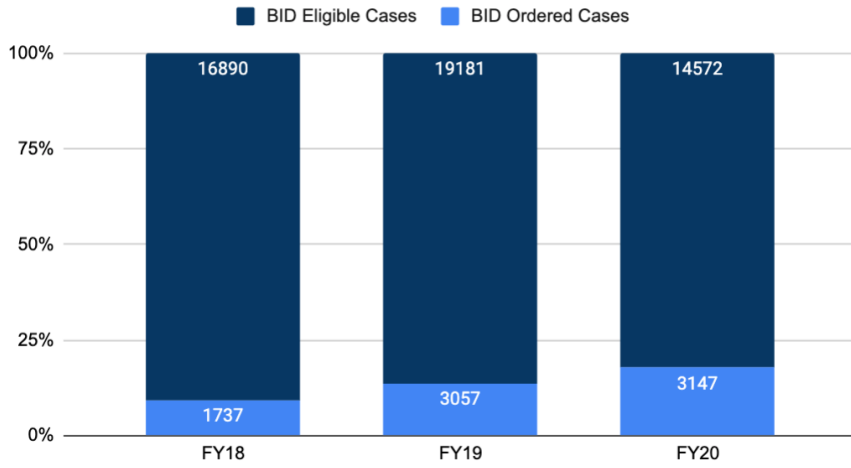
Early Termination

In addition to BID, probated cases with a length of 3 years or more are reviewed for early termination consideration.

- Since the enactment of SB174, **22,596** cases have been Early Terminated. These closures also include the 213 that reached their BID.

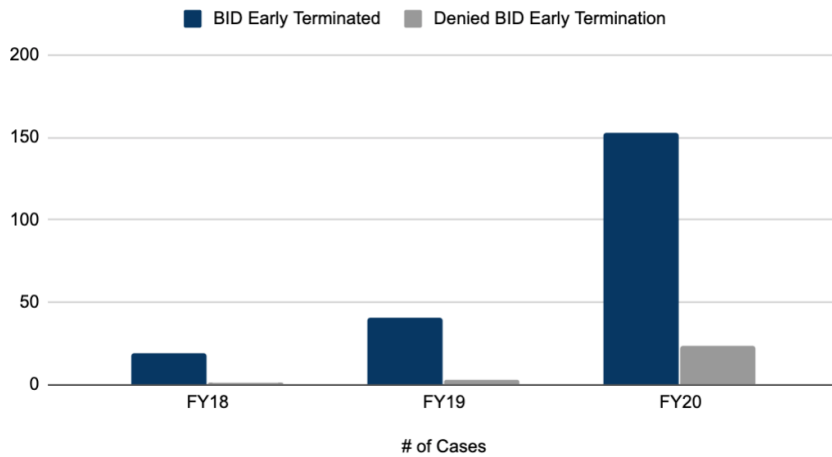
Data Trends

BID Eligible and Ordered Cases



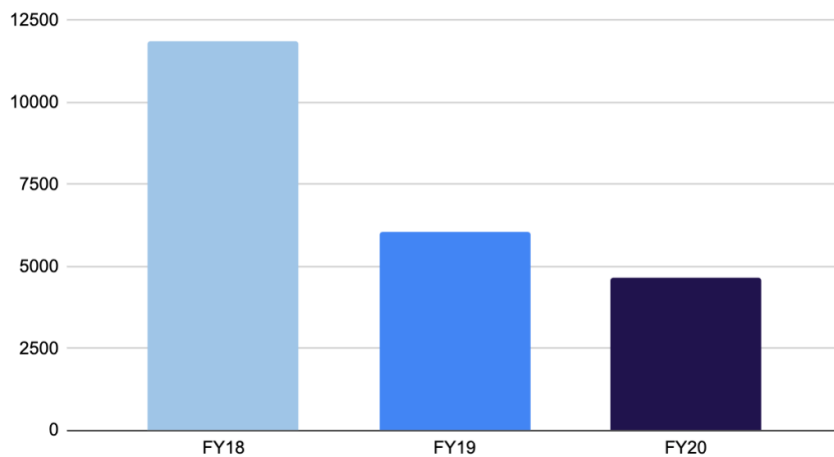
↑ In FY20, approximately 22% of eligible cases were ordered BID.

Behavioral Incentive Date Early Terminations



↑ BID Early Terminations increased every fiscal year with 153 in FY20.

SB 174 Early Termination



↓ SB174 Early Terminations decreased over the last 3 fiscal years, with 4,664 in FY20.