

# House Bill 3905, HA1

## Expanding Adult Redeploy Illinois Eligibility

Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) is a performance incentive funding program that empowers local jurisdictions to reduce their use of incarceration by implementing more cost-effective, evidence based programming for individuals convicted of non-violent, probation-eligible offenses. As of spring 2017, 20 ARI sites operate 39 diversion programs in 39 Illinois counties. Since its inception in 2010, ARI sites have diverted nearly 3,000 individuals from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), representing costs avoided to the state of \$97.7 million. As Illinois works to shrink the correctional population and related costs, policy makers, including the Illinois Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform, have recognized the importance of expanding eligibility for diversion programs based on an assessment of an individual's risk, assets and needs rather than the offense type.

- **Current eligibility:** Per the Crime Reduction Act (CRA), ARI eligibility is limited to those charged or convicted of probation-eligible offenses considered “non-violent” as defined by the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.
- **Proposed change:** ARI eligibility is expanded for all probation-eligible, *subject to the control, design, and screening processes of local programs.*

### Oversight Board support

ARI sites have asked for eligibility to be expanded because it gives them the flexibility to direct resources where most needed and match supervision and services to individuals based on valid risk and needs assessments. In response to the sites' feedback on eligibility and the need for broader access to diversion programs, the ARI Oversight Board voted at its November 14, 2016 meeting to approve expanding ARI eligibility to all probation-eligible offenses. With the proposed changes to the CRA, it would be at the jurisdictions' discretion whether eligibility for local ARI programs would change.

### Public support

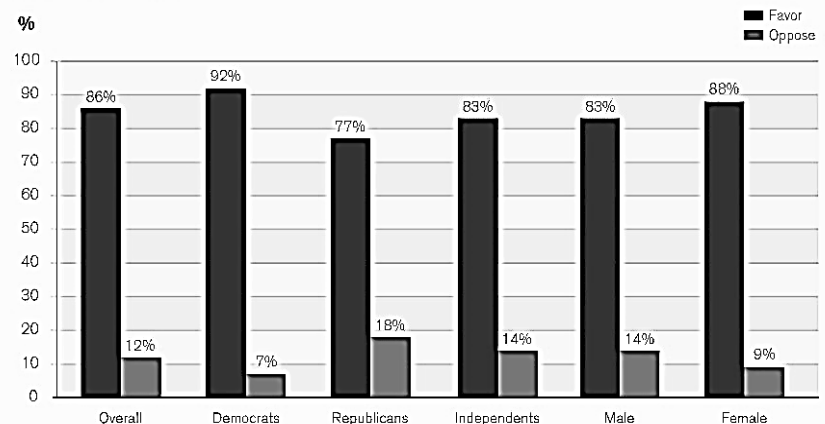
A recent poll commissioned by the Illinois Policy Institute showed overwhelming support for expanding ARI eligibility.

### Research support

Evidence-based practices demonstrate that the best crime reduction outcomes are achieved by addressing what causes individuals to engage in criminal behavior with the greatest public safety return from working with those who are high-risk and high-need. ARI sites use validated tools to assess individuals' risk and needs and employ interventions shown by research to be effective in reducing recidivism. Current restrictions limit access to ARI-funded interventions from those who could benefit most.

### Registered voters' support expanding Adult Redeploy Eligibility

Proposal to expand the Illinois Crime Reduction Act garnered support at an 86-12% rate\*\*



Source: Illinois Policy Institute-commissioned poll conducted by Fabrizio, Lee & Associates, May 16-18, 2016

\*Poll respondents are 500 Illinois registered voters.

\*\* Pollsters asked: Do you favor or oppose expanding the Crime Reduction Act so that all probationable offenses, such as DUIs, are also eligible for these evidence-based treatment programs?

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The proposed amendment to the CRA allows flexibility for ARI sites to screen and enroll individuals charged with any probation-eligible offense; however, use of this option is solely at the discretion of local ARI programs. If the CRA were to be amended as proposed, it is anticipated that there would be no change in some ARI programs, whereas others may expand eligibility on a case-by-case basis or program-wide.

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