

When choosing between Senate Bill 2128, as amended by the Attorney General, and our current corrections system, consider:

After years of investing heavily in the “Norway model” and policies that some people call “smart on crime,” what objective, verifiable outcomes have improved for North Dakota?

- The recidivism rate is over 40%.¹
- Violent crime rates have increased steadily, both numerically and as a rate per 100,000 residents.²
- Drug use and addiction are unmoved and continue to impact thousands of our residents.³
- Law enforcement officers and agencies are frustrated by the corrections system, have difficulty recruiting and retaining personnel, are assaulted more often, and have asked policymakers for changes to reduce the “revolving door” of criminals for several years.
- The public is alarmed by the prevalence of violent crime and its impact on the quality of life in North Dakota.

¹ See handout on *Recidivism*, based on DOCR data found on the DOCR website.

² See Attorney General Crime Reports, at <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/public-safety/crime-data/crime-and-homicide-reports/>.

³ See ND DHHS Behavioral Health Reports, at <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/behavioral-health/data>.