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**<https://www.vera.org/publications/drug-war-detente-a-review-of-state-level-drug-law-reform-2009-2013>**

## **Policy Issue Resources**

### **Publication**

Since 2009, more than 30 states have reformed existing drug laws and sentencing practices, passing nearly 50 bills in one or a combination of the following five areas: 1) mandatory penalties, 2) drug sentencing schemes, 3) early release mechanisms, 4) community-based sanctions, and 5) collateral consequences. In this report, Vera's Center on Sentencing and Corrections summarizes each state-level legislative change.

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