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# **Today's topic:**

Hamburgisches Resozialisierungs- und Opferhilfeschutzgesetz (HmbResOG)

Hamburg Law for Resocialization and the Support and Protection of Victims

A Law That Bridges Gaps?

# Associations:

stability

closing gaps

moving forward

mid section

overcoming obstacles







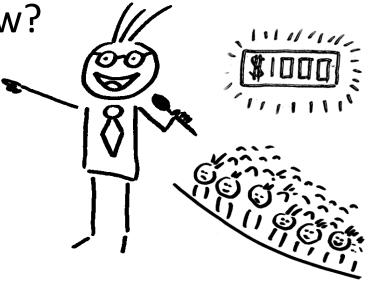
### **Reso Law**

- In force since 1 January 2019
- Essence: social rehabilitation and interagency cooperation
- Unique combination of pre-release and postrelease rehabilitation measures

# **Questions:**

1. What does social rehabilitation mean, and what role does the penal system play in this context?

2. Do we really need a new law?



# What role does the penal system play in the context of social rehabilitation?

Contribution of the prison is limited

- > time period
- > measures



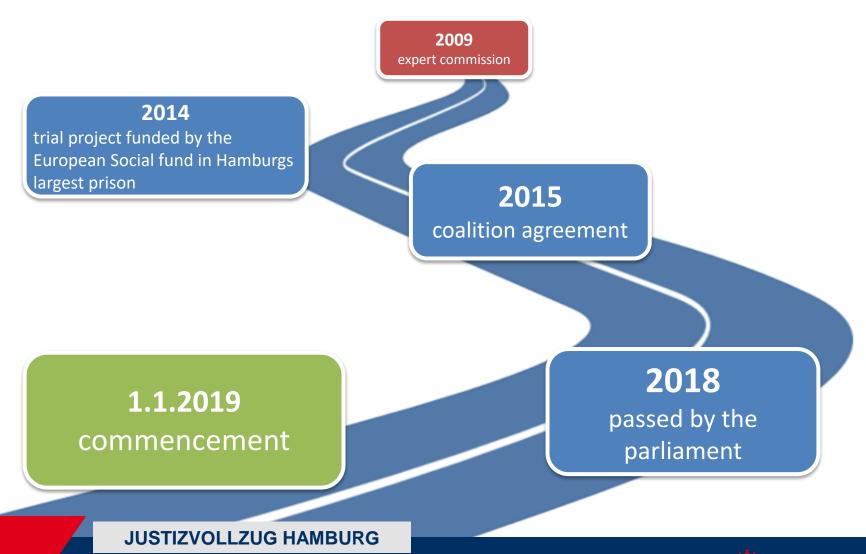
post-release measures private actors

### **Need for action**

Penal laws are limited

- > Period of detention
- ➤ Addresses: Enforcement and supervisory authorities and their employees

### Some history: development of Reso Law

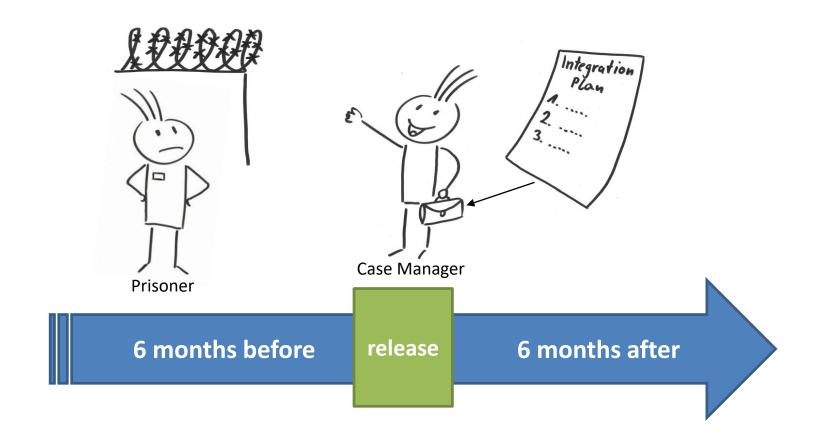




### **Contents of Reso Law:**

- √ transition management
- √ case management
- √ case manager
- √ integration plan
- √ integration conference

## The twelve most important months...



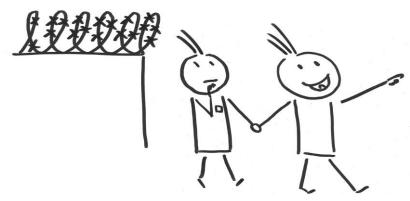
# The information required in the integration plan is as follows:

- 1. Identity papers and residential status
- 2. Social and family situation
- 3. Housing and place of residence
- 4. Health and addiction
- 5. Education, employment and qualification
- 6. Income, securing livelihood and debts
- 7. Delinquency



# The case manager...







#### **Additions:**

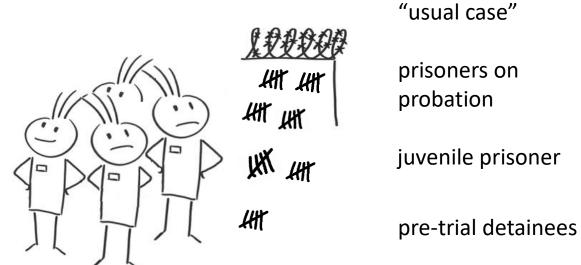
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2. What is the relationship with other legislation?

### **Additions:**

#### 1. Who does the law cover?

- prisoners and preventive detainees
- pre-trial detainees



usual case	case manager
prisoners on probation	probation officer
juvenile prisoner	juvenile probation service/ court assistance

case manager

prison staff

## Support areas for pre-trial detainees:

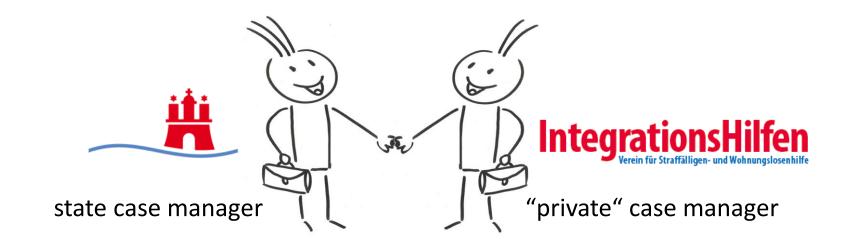
- 1. Support securing housing during detention
- 2. Support arranging housing after release from prison
- 3. Support with addiction counselling
- 4. Support securing health care, including health insurance
- 5. Support with debt counselling
- 6. Preparatory counselling on employment and living stability

# Relationship with other legislation

- > subsidiary to penal laws
- > subsidiary to the German Social Code

Legislator avoids double regulations.

# Criticism: role of (private) ex-offender assistance



### **Assessment and outlook**

Evaluation: first results in 2022



# Thank you for your kind attention!

