

**Public Safety and Security Committee  
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** SB-233

AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINES APPLICABLE TO THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, BAIL

**Title:** ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/15/2022

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/10/2022

**File No.:** 119

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Public Safety and Security Committee

**Co-sponsors**

Rep. Maria P. Horn, 64<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

There will be a task force established to study regulations regarding professional bondsmen licensed under chapter 533 of the general statutes, bail enforcement agents under chapter 533a and surety bail bond agents under chapter 700f. The task force will study ways other states regulate bondsmen, bail enforcement agents, or surety bail bond agents and will make recommendations to achieve greater accountability and oversight. All appointments will be made no later than July 1, 2022. Chairpersons will be selected by speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate no later than August 1, 2022. January 1, 2023, the task force will report their findings to the joint standing General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security. January 1, 2023 the task force will be terminated.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None Expressed

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Jeffrey J. Clayton, M.S., J.D., Executive Director, American Bail Coalition**

The American Bail Coalition supports this bill. Discussion regarding surety bail bonds is a topic in 46 states. Recently discussion regarding bail recovery agents include trying to license them to further pursue policy that will professionalize the industry.

It is important to remember the bail industry acts as a personal surety to defendants who want to get out of jail to await trial. A poorly regulated industry will impair the right to bail, and for that reason we must strive to regulate the bail industry to guarantee integrity and confidence.

#### **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

##### **David Godbout**

Mr. Godbout opposes all bills presented to the CGA, as he feels his Fourth Amendment rights are being violated.

**Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk**

**Date: March 30, 2022**