



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 843

LCO No. 1265



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING BAIL REFORM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to permit courts to offer
2 achievable bail conditions, but also include the ability to deny bail,
3 where appropriate, by considering: (1) Risk of flight, applied when a
4 defendant has such means, ties to places outside the jurisdiction and
5 charges that are sufficiently serious, that there is no combination of bail
6 conditions that would satisfy a judge that the defendant would refrain
7 from absconding; and (2) the danger to the community, applied when
8 the defendant, because of the nature of the offense or criminal history,
9 is so plainly dangerous that no combination of bail conditions could
10 satisfy a judge that, if released, the defendant would not imperil the
11 community at large, or at least potential witnesses and jurors.

Statement of Purpose:

To replace the practice of setting high bail on a defendant with a practice in which bail amount is based on an analysis of the risk of flight and danger to the community, which may result in bail being denied under certain circumstances.