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SYNOPSIS

Directs the collection by the Administrative Office of the Courts of data about crimes committed by persons released on bail.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning data about crimes committed by persons while
2 on bail and supplementing chapter 45 of Title 2C of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

8 1. a. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts
9 shall establish a program to record and analyze crimes committed
10 by persons released on bail.

b. The program shall record data regarding types of crimes committed by persons released on bail, the arrests for all offenses committed by persons released on bail, amount of time from release on bail to arrest for an offense committed while on bail, any convictions resulting from the arrests and the number of repeat offenders. This data shall be analyzed to determine whether the rates and nature of rearrests and convictions differ according to the criminal histories and personal characteristics of the persons released on bail, any treatment they received during the bail period, the participation and involvement in rehabilitation initiatives and programs, and such other factors as may be relevant to the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, and age, but without referencing personally identifying information.

c. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall prepare and disseminate to the public annual reports summarizing the data, and other findings and analyses resulting from the information gathered pursuant to this section. To facilitate the accessibility of these reports to the general public, the Director shall, to the greatest extent possible, utilize the Internet.

d. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall, pursuant to section 2 of P.L. 1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), annually prepare and transmit to the Governor and the Legislature the reports prepared pursuant to subsection c. of this section and a summary of the recommendations set forth in the reports prepared pursuant to subsection c. of this section, along with any recommendations the Administrative Office of the Courts may have for legislation to improve the effectiveness of the State's bail system.

40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

45 This bill would require the Director of the Administrative Office
46 of the Courts to establish a program to record and analyze crimes
47 committed by persons released on bail. Under the bill, the program
48 shall record data regarding types of crimes committed by persons

1 released on bail, the arrests for all offenses committed by persons
2 released on bail, amount of time from release on bail to arrests for
3 offenses committed while on bail, any convictions resulting from
4 the arrests and the number of repeat offenders. This data shall be
5 analyzed to determine whether the rates and nature of rearrests and
6 convictions differ according to the criminal histories and personal
7 characteristics of the person released on bail, any treatment they
8 received during the bail period, participation and involvement in
9 rehabilitation initiatives and programs, and such other factors as
10 may be relevant to the purposes of the bill, including, but not
11 limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, and age, but without referencing
12 personally identifying information. The bill is not intended to
13 profile any person or group of persons.

14 The reports shall be made available to the public on an annual
15 basis utilizing the Internet, to the greatest extent possible.
16 Additionally, the Director of the Administrative Office of the
17 Courts shall annually prepare and transmit to the Governor and the
18 Legislature the reports and a summary of the recommendations set
19 forth in the reports, with any recommendations for legislation to
20 improve the effectiveness of the State's bail system.