SUPREME COURT COMMISSION ON PRETRIAL PRACTICES RELEASES PRELIMINARY REPORT

The Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pretrial Practices has released its preliminary report concerning pretrial reform in the Illinois criminal justice system. A final report with recommendations regarding the administration of pretrial justice in Illinois will be released in December 2019.

The Commission would also like to announce that public hearings regarding pretrial justice will be held throughout the state in the coming months. Additional details will be announced when available.

The preliminary report is available here.

“On behalf of the Illinois Supreme Court, I would like to thank the members of the Commission for their hard work and for all the time they spent preparing the preliminary report,” said Illinois Supreme Court Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr., who serves as Commission liaison. “We look forward to the final report which will lead our State's criminal justice system into the 21st Century.”

The Commission on Pretrial Practices was created in 2017 and is comprised of members of all three branches of Illinois government and criminal justice stakeholders. It is charged with conducting a comprehensive review of the State’s pretrial detention system and making recommendations for amendments to state laws, Supreme Court Rules, and Supreme Court policies, as necessary, to ensure pretrial practices in all jurisdictions in Illinois are consistent, in form and substance, with the Supreme Court’s Policy Statement on Pretrial Services.

“We are excited for the release of the Pretrial Commission Preliminary Report. The foundational work completed this past year will help guide the Commission toward the final report and recommendations later this year,” said DeKalb County Judge Robbin Stuckert, Chair of the Commission on Pretrial Practices. “We also look forward to hosting public hearings so that those interested in pretrial reform in Illinois can share their thoughts with the Commission.”

The Commission on Pretrial Practices is guided by the National Institute of Corrections' Essential Elements of a High Functioning Pretrial System and Agency, which has provided critical support and training to the Commission's efforts in improving Illinois bail practices.
In moving Illinois from a resource-based system of justice to one that is risk-based, the goal of the Commission on Pretrial Practices is to minimize the effects of monetary conditions of release in the criminal justice system while maximizing appropriate release, assuring court appearance, and fostering public safety.

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