

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 626

By: Senator Hester
By: Representatives Boyd, *Scott*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING BAIL BOND TRANSPARENCY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING BAIL BOND TRANSPARENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 84, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

16-84-117. Bail reporting.

(a) A court that uses case management software offered by the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide a uniform reporting of the following data concerning bail for defendants on the court's docket:

(1) The most serious charge a defendant is currently facing in the court;

(2)(A) The amount of the initial bail, whether cash or secured.

(B) The amount of the initial bail shall reflect the:

(i) Total amount of cash tendered, if applicable;

and

(ii) Total percentage paid of the bail amount, if applicable;

(3) The current length of the defendant's pretrial detention;

(4) The disposition of any cash bail, if applicable;

(5) Any subsequent bail modification, if applicable;

(6) The number of defendants with an outstanding warrant for



failure to appear; and

(7) The number of defendants who reoffended while on bail and have an outstanding warrant for their arrest or are subject to a pending motion to revoke bail.

(b) The office shall compile all data submitted or entered under this section and present a written report to the Legislative Council by July 1 and December 31 of each year.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Temporary language.

The first written report under § 16-84-117(b) is due July 1, 2022.

/s/Hester