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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1900

5 By: Representatives Scott, Boyd  
6 By: Senator Hester  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

14 CONCERNING BAIL BOND TRANSPARENCY.

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

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

21 16-84-117. Bail reporting.

22 (a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report for any court  
23 that uses case management software the following data concerning bail for  
24 defendants on the court's docket:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (5) Any subsequent bail modification, if applicable;

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



1 failure to appear; and

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

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

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9 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Temporary language.

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

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