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As Engrossed: S4/13/21
A Bill

SENATE BILL 626

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

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

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13 CONCERNING BAIL BOND TRANSPARENCY.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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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) A court that uses case management software offered by the
23 Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide a uniform reporting of the
24 following data concerning bail for 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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12 /s/Hester
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