



INVESTING IN SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

SB3470 (Sims)/HB4816 (West)

THE OPPORTUNITY


The Pretrial Fairness Act ensures that pretrial release is determined by safety and justice—not access to money. More people now maintain employment, housing, and connections to loved ones while awaiting trial in the community. Illinois can set them up for success by expanding access to supports and services.

THE VISION


Illinois can reduce pretrial jailing and improve community safety by expanding access to case management, mental healthcare, and substance use disorder services for people awaiting trial.

FUNDING REQUEST: \$15 MILLION

Funding will create a community-based network of care through a statewide grants program administered by the Department of Human Services. Funded services will include:

 **System navigation** to help people access services that will facilitate pretrial success.

 **Mental health and substance use disorder assessment, case management, and treatment according to clinical standards**, especially linkages to detox and medication-assisted recovery.

 **Transportation and child care** to remove barriers to court appearance.

VALUES

- 1 EQUITY:** Supports and services should prioritize the communities historically most burdened by the money bond system.
- 2 VOLUNTARY:** Coerced treatment can lead to increased rates of recidivism—both in terms of criminal involvement and drug use. Voluntary, community-based pretrial supports and services are more effective and far less harmful than mandated or jail-based forms of treatment.
- 3 COMMUNITY VOICE:** Supports and services should be informed by community members, including those directly impacted by the criminal-legal system, and delivered by organizations trusted within the community.
- 4 COORDINATION:** The system of supports and services should be as easy to navigate as possible, avoiding the creation of new bureaucratic barriers to success during the pretrial period.

The Pretrial Success Act has been endorsed by the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice and more than 70 organizations, including some of Illinois' largest health & human service organizations.

A full list of endorsing organizations is available on the other side of this fact sheet.



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ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS



- A Just Harvest
- A New PATH
- AIDS Foundation of Chicago
- Access Living
- Alliance for Safety and Justice
- Ascend Justice
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Chicago
- Believers Bail Out
- Bend the Arc, Champaign Urbana
- Black Justice Project
- BlackRoots Alliance
- Breakthrough
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- CAIR Chicago
- Cannabis Equity Illinois Coalition
- Champaign County Bailout Coalition
- Change Peoria
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)
- Chicago Alliance for Collaborative Effort (CACE)
- Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts
- Chicago Community Bond Fund
- Chicago Democratic Socialists of America
- Chicago United Solidarity Project
- Children's Best Interest Project
- Claretian Associates
- Clergy for a New Drug Policy
- Color of Change
- Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
- Community Renewal Society
- Concerned Citizens of Precinct 12
- Decarcerate BloNo
- Equality Illinois
- Equity and Transformation
- Faith Coalition for the Common Good
- Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP)
- First Followers
- Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
- Illinois Black Advocacy Initiative
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Illinois Collaboration on Youth
- Illinois National Organization for Women
- Illinois Partners for Human Service
- Illinois Psychiatric Society
- JCUA
- Justice and Witness Ministry of Chicago Metropolitan Association – Illinois Conference United Church of Christ
- Law Enforcement Action Partnership
- League of Women Voters of Illinois
- Loevy + Loevy
- Masjid Al-Taqwa
- Mental Health America of Illinois
- Mental Health Summit
- Metropolitan Family Services
- NAMI Illinois
- NAMI Northwest Suburbs of Chicago
- NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago
- National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter
- Nehemiah Trinity Rising
- Nikkei Uprising
- Peoria Coalition to End Money Bond
- Pretrial Justice Institute
- Prison Policy Initiative
- Quad Cities Democratic Socialists of America
- Quad Cities Interfaith
- Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-IL)
- Restore Justice
- Rockford Urban Ministries
- Sana Healing Collective
- She Votes Illinois
- Shriver Center on Poverty Law
- Silver Law Office PC
- Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation
- Springfield Harm Reduction Initiative
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy – IL
- TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities)
- The Center for Empowerment and Justice
- The Coalition to End Money Bond
- The Illinois Prisoner Rights Coalition
- The LIAM Foundation
- The Next Movement at Trinity UCC
- The People's Lobby
- The Porchlight Collective SAP
- Thresholds
- Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)
- Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois
- Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois
- United Congregations of MetroEast
- Uptown People's Law Center
- Urbana-Champaign Reproductive Justice
- WIN Recovery
- Women's Justice Institute
- YWCA McLean County