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Pretrial Pilot Program | Final Report to the Legislature (Action Required)

Summary

The Budget Act of 2019 (Assem. Bill 74; Stats. 2019, ch. 23) earmarked \$75 million to the Judicial Council to launch and evaluate two-year pretrial projects in local trial courts. As directed by the Legislature, the projects aim to increase the safe and efficient release of arrestees before trial, use the least restrictive monitoring practices possible while protecting public safety and ensuring court appearances, validate and expand the use of risk assessment tools, and assess any bias. Criminal Justice Services staff recommend that the Judicial Council receive *Pretrial Pilot Program: Final Report to the Legislature* and direct the Acting Administrative Director to submit this report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Finance, as required by the Budget Act of 2019. This is the final legislative report on the pilot program and documents the implementation and outcomes of the program. It also presents aggregate data on public safety as measured by arrests for new crimes during the pretrial period, rates of failure to appear at a court hearing as required, validity of the tools as measured by the accuracy of the risk assessment tools in predicting failures to appear in court and new arrests, and whether the accuracy of the tool's predictions varies by race or ethnicity, gender, or other factors.

Recommendation

Criminal Justice Services staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective July 21, 2023:

1. Receive *Pretrial Pilot Program: Final Report to the Legislature*; and
2. Direct the Acting Administrative Director to submit this report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Finance.

Speakers

Hon. Marsha G. Slough, Chair, Executive and Planning Committee

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