

An Act relating to criminal procedure; creating the Pretrial Release Act; providing short title; authorizing pretrial release for misdemeanor or felony offenses prior to formal charge or indictment; providing exception; setting criteria for use in determining pretrial release bail and bond; providing certain prohibitions to release on personal recognizance bond; requiring district attorney consent for a personal recognizance bond in certain cases; requiring the court to have reliable information in certain form at pretrial release hearing; authorizing use of pretrial services programs; providing procedure to present new evidence in request for personal recognizance bond; authorizing denial of certain motion without hearing; authorizing evaluation of certain persons by pretrial services programs prior to consideration; allowing standing order for pretrial evaluation within all or part of judicial districts; authorizing pretrial services programs to serve district courts; requiring an advisory board for certain programs; setting term and membership; requiring a plan to be approved by the chief judge; exempting preexisting pretrial services programs; establishing criteria for pretrial services programs; establishing methods of supervision for pretrial service programs; requiring an annual report of pretrial services programs; setting contents of report; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.