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Bill Analysis

SB 1381 requires that a defendant who has been arrested with or without a warrant for a criminal offense be brought before a magistrate judge no later than 48 hours after being taken into custody. If the period includes weekends and holidays, the defendant shall be brought before a judge no later than 72 hours. The measure provides that rules of evidence shall not apply in a pretrial hearing. The measure outlines the factors a judge shall consider before releasing the defendant and directs the court to inform the defendant orally and in writing of the time and place of his or her next court date and order the defendant, if released, to appear at the directed time. The court shall also advise the defendant that a warrant shall be issued for their arrest if they fail to appear before the court at such time. The defendant may register for a text reminder 48 hours before their hearing. The court shall appoint counsel if the defendant is unable to secure a defense attorney. The measure authorizes the court to impose conditions on release. If the court denies bail, the court shall include written findings of fact and a statement of the reasons for the detention.

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