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LEGISLATIVE ACTION .

Senate Comm: FAV 02/06/2018 House

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Bracy) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (648186)

Delete lines 90 - 142

and insert:

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presently charged with a dangerous crime, that there is a substantial probability that the defendant committed such crime, 6 7 that the factual circumstances of the crime indicate a disregard 8 for the safety of the community, and that there are no 9 conditions of release reasonably sufficient to protect the 10 community from the risk of physical harm to persons;

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6. The defendant was on probation, parole, or other release
pending completion of sentence or on pretrial release for a
dangerous crime at the time the current offense was committed;

7. The defendant has violated one or more conditions of pretrial release or bond for the offense currently before the court and the violation, in the discretion of the court, supports a finding that no conditions of release can reasonably protect the community from risk of physical harm to persons or assure the presence of the accused at trial; or

20 8.a. The defendant has ever been sentenced pursuant to s. 21 775.082(9) or s. 775.084 as a prison release reoffender, 22 habitual violent felony offender, three-time violent felony 23 offender, or violent career criminal, or the state attorney 24 files a notice seeking that the defendant be sentenced pursuant 25 to s. 775.082(9) or s. 775.084, as a prison release reoffender, 26 habitual violent felony offender, three-time violent felony 27 offender, or violent career criminal;

28 b. There is a substantial probability that the defendant 29 committed the offense; and

c. There are no conditions of release that can reasonably protect the community from risk of physical harm or ensure the presence of the accused at trial.

33 Section 4. Section 907.042, Florida Statutes, is created to 34 read:

907.042 Supervised bond program.-

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.—The Legislature finds that there is a need to use evidence-based methods to identify defendants that can successfully comply with specified pretrial release conditions. The Legislature finds that the use of actuarial Florida Senate - 2018 Bill No. SB 1490



40	instruments that evaluate criminogenic based needs and classify
41	defendants according to levels of risk provides a more
42	consistent and accurate assessment of a defendant's risk of
43	noncompliance while on pretrial release pending trial. The
44	Legislature also finds that both the community and a defendant
45	are better served when a defendant, who poses a low risk to
46	society, is provided the opportunity to fulfill employment and
47	familial responsibilities in the community under a structured
48	pretrial release plan that ensures the best chance of remaining
49	compliant with all pretrial conditions rather than remaining in
50	custody. The Legislature finds that there is a need to establish
51	a supervised bond program in each county for the purpose of
52	providing pretrial release to certain defendants who may not
53	otherwise be eligible for pretrial release on unsupervised
54	nonmonetary conditions and who do not have the ability to
55	satisfy the bond imposed by the court. The Legislature finds
56	that the creation of such a program will reduce the likelihood
57	of defendants remaining unnecessarily in custody pending trial.

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