

SB0973/513020/2

BY: Senator Zirkin

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 973
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendments (SB0973/248075/1) in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 2, after "Release" insert "- Pilot Program".

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with "altering" in line 3 on page 1 down through "Act;" in line 12 on page 2 and substitute "requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a certain pilot program in a certain number of counties that requires the District Court commissioners in the counties to use a certain assessment tool as a factor in determining eligibility for pretrial release of certain arrested persons; requiring the Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure to select the certain assessment tool for use in the pilot program; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;".

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 2 through line 12 on page 3, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 14, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows".

On pages 3 through 22, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 3 through line 33 on page 22, inclusive, and substitute:

"(a) On or before October 1, 2014, the Chief Judge of the District Court shall establish a pilot program in at least three counties in the State that requires the

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District Court commissioners in the chosen counties to utilize a validated risk assessment tool as a factor in determining eligibility for the pretrial release of arrested persons brought before the District Court commissioner.

(b) The Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure shall select the validated risk assessment tool to be used by the District Court commissioners in the counties participating in the pilot program.

(c) On or before October 1, 2015, the Chief Judge of the District Court shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the effectiveness of the use of the validated assessment tool for making decisions regarding the pretrial release of arrested persons.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”