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HB1356 - Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release – Bail

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Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Bartlett, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee:

HB1356 – Criminal Procedure – Pretrial Release – Bail – will prohibit a District Court Commissioner from authorizing pretrial release of a defendant on personal recognizance or unsecured bail, if a defendant has been charged with a crime and was released on unsecured bail within 5 years, or who has failed to appear in court while released on unsecured bail. Moreover, Judges may authorize the pretrial release of a defendant on a secured bail; and any other conditions that will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a present danger to another person or the community. This bill, if passed, will allow us to close a loophole that allows for individuals to continue to commit crimes repeatedly and obtain release without sufficient consequences or safeguards in place to prohibit it.

I respectfully request a FAVORABLE report from the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa E. Reilly", written in a cursive style.

Delegate Teresa Reilly

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