



## **Tell Ohio Legislators to VOTE NO on Senate Bill 182 / House Bill 315**

**Ohio lawmakers are currently considering legislation that will upend the criminal justice system by making it easier for violent and repeat offenders to be released back into communities. These bills are dangerous for Ohio and follow the lead of failed New York style bail policies. This legislation must be stopped.**

- **This legislation eliminates public safety as a consideration for setting of bail.** 45 states (including Ohio) currently require judges to consider public safety. This is a major departure.
- This legislation will largely eliminate the use of bail to secure release from jail and will release nearly all defendants currently detained on bail for free and will allow those released not to have to post bail, thus not securing their return to court.
- Bail agents will all but be eliminated, meaning that when defendants flee, the task of returning them to court will shift to over-burdened law enforcement agencies.
- This legislation creates a right to an affordable bail in Ohio, meaning no one will be held on a “high bond.” They will be released on a bond they can afford.
- In addition, even though technically a bond may be imposed that a defendant can afford, a prosecutor is going to have to put on a mini-trial and jump through numerous procedural hoops to get there. But, since an “affordable” bail will ultimately be imposed, none of it matters—all defendants will be released anyway except the narrow class of cases for which bail can be denied.
- The legislation eliminates counties or local governments to charge defendants for pretrial services (i.e., GPS monitors, alcohol monitors, drug and alcohol testing, supervision, etc.) creating a massive unfunded mandate upon the counties.

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