
SENATE BILL No. 203

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-33-8-3.2.

Synopsis: Availability of 10% deposit cash bonds. Limits the availability of the 10% cash bail bond to offenders charged with a misdemeanor.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-33-8-3.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 3.2. (a) A court may
3 admit a defendant to bail and impose any of the following conditions
4 to assure the defendant's appearance at any stage of the legal
5 proceedings, or, upon a showing of clear and convincing evidence that
6 the defendant poses a risk of physical danger to another person or the
7 community, to assure the public's physical safety:

- 8 (1) Require the defendant to:
9 (A) execute a bail bond with sufficient solvent sureties;
10 (B) deposit cash or securities in an amount equal to the bail;
11 (C) execute a bond secured by real estate in the county, where
12 thirty-three hundredths (0.33) of the true tax value less
13 encumbrances is at least equal to the amount of the bail; **or**
14 (D) post a real estate bond.

15 The defendant must also pay the fee required by subsection (d).

16 (2) **This subdivision applies only if the most serious crime for**
17 **which the defendant is charged is a misdemeanor.** Require the



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1 defendant to execute a bail bond by depositing cash or securities
 2 with the clerk of the court in an amount not less than ten percent
 3 (10%) of the bail. If the defendant is convicted, the court may
 4 retain all or a part of the cash or securities to pay fines, costs, fees,
 5 and restitution, if ordered by the court. A portion of the deposit,
 6 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the monetary value of the
 7 deposit or fifty dollars (\$50), whichever is the lesser amount, may
 8 be retained as an administrative fee. The clerk shall also retain
 9 from the deposit under this subdivision the following:

10 (A) The fee required by subsection (d).

11 (B) Fines, costs, fees, and restitution as ordered by the court.

12 (C) Publicly paid costs of representation that shall be disposed
 13 of in accordance with subsection (b).

14 (D) In the event of the posting of a real estate bond, the bond
 15 shall be used only to insure the presence of the defendant at
 16 any stage of the legal proceedings, but shall not be foreclosed
 17 for the payment of fines, costs, fees, or restitution.

18 The individual posting bail for the defendant or the defendant
 19 admitted to bail under this subdivision must be notified by the
 20 sheriff, court, or clerk that the defendant's deposit may be
 21 forfeited under section 7 of this chapter or retained under
 22 subsection (b).

23 (3) Impose reasonable restrictions on the activities, movements,
 24 associations, and residence of the defendant during the period of
 25 release.

26 (4) Require the defendant to refrain from any direct or indirect
 27 contact with an individual.

28 (5) Place the defendant under the reasonable supervision of a
 29 probation officer or other appropriate public official.

30 (6) Release the defendant into the care of a qualified person or
 31 organization responsible for supervising the defendant and
 32 assisting the defendant in appearing in court. The supervisor shall
 33 maintain reasonable contact with the defendant in order to assist
 34 the defendant in making arrangements to appear in court and,
 35 where appropriate, shall accompany the defendant to court. The
 36 supervisor need not be financially responsible for the defendant.

37 (7) Release the defendant on personal recognizance unless:

38 (A) the state presents evidence relevant to a risk by the
 39 defendant:

40 (i) of nonappearance; or

41 (ii) to the physical safety of the public; and

42 (B) the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the

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- 1 risk exists.
- 2 (8) Impose any other reasonable restrictions designed to assure
- 3 the defendant's presence in court or the physical safety of another
- 4 person or the community.
- 5 (b) Within thirty (30) days after disposition of the charges against
- 6 the defendant, the court that admitted the defendant to bail shall order
- 7 the clerk to remit the amount of the deposit remaining under subsection
- 8 (a)(2) to the defendant. The portion of the deposit that is not remitted
- 9 to the defendant shall be deposited by the clerk in the supplemental
- 10 public defender services fund established under IC 33-9-11.5.
- 11 (c) For purposes of subsection (b), "disposition" occurs when the
- 12 indictment or information is dismissed, or the defendant is acquitted or
- 13 convicted of the charges.
- 14 (d) Except as provided by subsection (e), the clerk of the court shall:
- 15 (1) collect a fee of five dollars (\$5) for each bond or deposit under
- 16 subsection (a)(1); and
- 17 (2) retain a fee of five dollars (\$5) from each deposit under
- 18 subsection (a)(2).
- 19 The clerk of the court shall semiannually remit these fees to the board
- 20 of trustees of the public employees' retirement fund for deposit into the
- 21 special death benefit fund. The fee required by subdivision (2) is in
- 22 addition to the administrative fee retained under subsection (a)(2). This
- 23 subsection expires December 31, 1998.
- 24 (e) With the approval of the clerk of the court, the county sheriff
- 25 may collect the bail and fees required by subsection (d). The county
- 26 sheriff shall remit the bail to the clerk of the court by the following
- 27 business day and remit monthly the five dollar (\$5) special death
- 28 benefit fee to the county auditor.
- 29 (f) When a court imposes a condition of bail described in subsection
- 30 (a)(4):
- 31 (1) the clerk of the court shall comply with IC 5-2-9; and
- 32 (2) the prosecuting attorney shall file a confidential form
- 33 prescribed or approved by the division of state court
- 34 administration with the clerk.

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