



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Type:** Discussion Item **Status:** Agenda Ready  
**File created:** 8/31/2022 **In control:** Commissioners Court  
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**Title:** Request for discussion of the report, "The Effects of Misdemeanor Bail Reform," by Paul Heaton of the Quattrone Center.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Heaton Report Links

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/13/2022	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** Office of Justice and Safety

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Dr. Ana Yanez-Correa

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Discussion Item

**Project ID (if applicable):** N/A

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for discussion of the report, "The Effects of Misdemeanor Bail Reform," by Paul Heaton of the Quattrone Center.

**Background and Discussion:**

This work summarizes ongoing research conducted by the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice designed to inform current debates about bail reform. Using detailed data covering tens of thousands of cases in the county, a key early bail reform provision in Harris County, a federal injunction that required the release of individuals charged with misdemeanors who were assigned small amounts of cash bail under the then-existing system but who indicated they were unable to pay, is evaluated. The report is only available online at [https://www.law.upenn.edu/institutes/quattronecenter/reports/bailreform/#/https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.law.upenn.edu%2Finstitutes%2Fquattronecenter%2Freports%2Fbailreform%2F%23%2F&data=05%7C01%7CMike.Giordanelli%2F%23%2F](https://www.law.upenn.edu/institutes/quattronecenter/reports/bailreform/#/https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.law.upenn.edu%2Finstitutes%2Fquattronecenter%2Freports%2Fbailreform%2F%23%2F&data=05%7C01%7CMike.Giordanelli%2F%23%2F&data=05%7C01%7CMike.Giordanelli%2F%23%2F)

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**Expected Impact:**

Discussion item only.

**Alternative Options:**

Discussion item only.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- X Justice and Safety
- \_ Economic Opportunity
- \_ Housing
- \_ Public Health
- \_ Transportation
- \_ Flooding
- \_ Environment
- \_ Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

**Location:**

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do <b>NOT</b> write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do <b>NOT</b> write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
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Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
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Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:**

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** N/A. Discussion item only.

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Dr. Ana Yanez-Correa, Interim Director, Office of Justice and Safety

**Attachments** (if applicable): The report is only available online at

[https://www.law.upenn.edu/institutes/quattronecenter/reports/bailreform/#/.](https://www.law.upenn.edu/institutes/quattronecenter/reports/bailreform/#/)  
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PDF with relevant links is attached.