# Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

Community Based Interventions
Subcommittee Meeting
October 21, 2024



### **Agenda**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
- 3. Pretrial Project: Discuss Potential Draft Recommendations
- 4. Feedback on the Draft Pretrial Phase Report
- 5. Next Steps



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Multiple mechanisms to achieve each goal:

- Change statute
- Change agency policy
  - Modify practice
    - Add trainings
      - Funding



# Opportunity #4: Limit the use of cash bail

 Study & report on alternatives to detention for youth involved in DCF, youth who have CSEC concerns, youth with other safety concerns

What specific considerations do you want included?

Pros/cons?



# Opportunity #5: Increase data availability

- Report the number of cases released on PR
- Report outcome data for 58A Hearings and violation hearings
- Report on conditions and length of time
- Report on motions to revisit conditions

Which of these stands out to you?

What specific considerations do you want included for each/any/all?

Pros/cons to each?



# Opportunity #6: Reduce the pretrial length of time

- Increase the number of juvenile court judges
- Study & make recommendations to improve court time standards

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- 3. The Pretrial Process Lasts Too Long, Causing Harm to Youth
- 4. Pretrial Practice at Times Operates Outside Legal Requirements, Particularly with Regards to Use of Cash Bail
- 5. There are Vastly Different Regional Practices at this Stage, Leading to Concerns about Equity
- 6. There are Disparities in Who is Detained Pretrial, who Gets Placed on Pretrial Monitoring/Supervision, and Who is Released on Personal Recognizance
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Any big picture feedback/edits to the report so far?

Do you agree/disagree?

Are we missing anything?

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## Pretrial Project: Next Steps

#### November

CBI Reviews Full Draft Report



#### December

Full Board discusses & (pending discussion) votes on report



#### January

Submit to the legislature



### **Next Meeting:**

# Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00-12:30pm

(All meetings are virtual; Zoom information is in each calendar invitation)





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