



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John E. Brooks

Senator Brooks Prime Co-Sponsor of Bill Amending Bail Reform Law

JOHN E. BROOKS January 16, 2020

| ISSUE: **BAIL REFORM, CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**



Senator Monica Martinez (SD-3) recently introduced **S.7156, a bill that would allow each judge to look at the individualized facts of each case and be able to determine if a person should be held pretrial, with safety and flight risk as the top priority.** Senator Brooks immediately signed on as a Prime Cosponsor.

Last year, the New York State Senate voted to pass the 2019-2020 N.Y. State Budget, which included The Permanent Property Tax Cap, Education Aid for School Districts, and Aid to

Public Libraries among many other items – one of which was the controversial Bail Reform law.

“I am aware that this law sought to address some very real injustices but it absolutely failed in its execution. Put quite simply, it should have been done better,” says Senator Brooks. “ We need to fix these specific fails as soon as possible and that is why I am a Prime Cosponsor of Senator Monica Martinez’s proposed legislation that will institute discretion for judges when it comes to detaining individuals who pose a risk to public safety. “

More changes to the Bail Reform law by Long Island Democratic Senators are being proposed to which Senator Brooks is a Prime Cosponsor as well, including **S.7284 by Senator Gaughran** that relates to adding criminal facilitation felonies to the definition of “criminal act;” and **S.7242 by Senator Kaplan** establishing a process for those accused of non-bailable offenses to undergo pre-trial mental health and substance abuse evaluations as a condition of release.

Senator Brooks is introducing his own bill to address additional changes necessary to bail reform. More details will be available soon.

RELATED LEGISLATION

2019-S7156

- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly

- In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
- On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
- Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to the elimination of bail and providing for pretrial detention; repealer

January 09, 2020

In Senate Committee [Codes](#)

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Do you support this bill?

2019-S7284

- Introduced

 - ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
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- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
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Relates to adding criminal facilitation felonies to the definition of criminal act

January 15, 2020

In Senate Committee [Codes](#)

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Do you support this bill?

2019-S7242

[bail reform](#), [Criminal Justice Reform](#), [Mental Illness](#), [substance use disorders](#)

- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to pretrial mental health and substance abuse evaluations and treatment for certain defendants and establishes the pretrial mental health and substance abuse services bail fund

January 13, 2020

In Senate Committee [Codes](#)

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Do you support this bill?