

HB 858 -- Citizens' Right to Know Act of 2007

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This bill establishes the Citizens' Right to Know Act of 2007 which requires the local pretrial release agency in each county to prepare a register of any defendants who are recommended for release by the agency. The register must be updated weekly and is required to display the charge against the defendant, the nature of any prior relevant criminal convictions, a list of any court appearances required or any appearances that have been missed, any bench warrants issued, and any instances of noncompliance. The pretrial release agency is required to submit an annual report to the Office of State Courts Administrator including, but not limited to, the complete operating budget of the agency, the number of personnel employed by the agency, the total number of cases in which nonsecured release was denied to defendants, and the average period of time the defendant is incarcerated before being released on recommendation by the agency.