

HB 1063 -- BAIL BONDS

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This bill allows a court to accept, in lieu of a cash only bond, a guarantee from any surety who is in compliance with the general laws regulating bail bondsmen. The bill also allows the court to require a person to report regularly to a private pretrial court services company that has been contracted by the court and that has been approved by the Office of State Courts Administrator. The bill also specifies that once a court accepts 10% of a cash bond, the court will be designated as the legally responsible surety for the full amount of the bond set. Upon judgment of a bail bond forfeiture, money shall be disbursed in the same manner as the judgment that is paid by a professional surety.