HCS HB 946 -- RELEASE OF A DEFENDANT (Hill)

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This bill establishes certain provisions that will apply when a judge or judicial officer sets bail in all courts in Missouri. The provisions include there not being a presumption in favor of release on one's own recognizance in any category of offenses, specific offenses, or gradations of offenses. The bill also provides certain circumstances in which there must be a presumption against release on one's own recognizance and such presumption may be overcome by clear and convincing evidence that a person is not a flight risk or a danger to the community.