

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Pretrial Services Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 0.04 and 25 and by adding Section 25.1 as  
6 follows:

7 (725 ILCS 185/0.04)

8 Sec. 0.04. Powers and duties.

9 (a) The Office shall provide pretrial services as provided  
10 in Section 7 to circuit courts or counties without existing  
11 pretrial services agencies.

12 (b) The Office shall develop, establish, adopt, and  
13 enforce uniform standards for pretrial services in this State.

14 (c) The Office may:

15 (1) hire and train State employed pretrial personnel;

16 (2) establish qualifications for pretrial officers as  
17 to hiring, promotion, and training;

18 (3) establish a system of training and orientation for  
19 local pretrial services agencies;

20 (4) Develop standards and approve employee  
21 compensation schedules for local pretrial services  
22 agencies;

23 (5) establish a system of uniform forms;

1           (6) develop standards for a system of recordkeeping  
2           for local pretrial services agencies;

3           (7) gather statistics and develop research for  
4           planning of pretrial services in Illinois;

5           (8) establish a means of verifying the conditions for  
6           reimbursement under this Act for local pretrial services  
7           agencies and develop criteria for approved costs for  
8           reimbursement;

9           (9) monitor and evaluate all pretrial programs  
10          operated by local pretrial services agencies;

11          (10) review and approve annual plans submitted by  
12          local pretrial services agencies; ~~and~~

13          (11) establish such other standards and regulations  
14          and do all acts necessary to carry out the intent and  
15          purposes of this Act; ~~-~~

16          (12) create and manage grant initiatives that support  
17          the duties and objectives of this Act and may provide  
18          financial assistance to eligible counties, public  
19          agencies, or other qualified entities to strengthen and  
20          improve pretrial services statewide; and

21          (13) reimburse counties for reasonable and necessary  
22          costs for pretrial expenses, subject to criteria  
23          established by the Office and available funding.

24          (Source: P.A. 103-602, eff. 7-1-25.)

25          (725 ILCS 185/25) (from Ch. 38, par. 325)

1           Sec. 25. Pretrial services agency; notification of court  
2 appearance obligations.

3           (a) The pretrial services agency ~~The pretrial services~~  
4 ~~agency shall provide written notification to supervised~~  
5 ~~persons of court appearance obligations, and may require~~  
6 supervised persons to periodically report ~~their periodic~~  
7 ~~reporting~~ by letter, telephone, or in person ~~personal~~  
8 ~~appearance~~ to verify such compliance with court-ordered  
9 pretrial release conditions.

10           (b) Each agency must provide written notification of court  
11 appearance obligations to all persons under pretrial services  
12 supervision as follows:

13                 (1) the agency shall provide at least 3 text notices  
14 to the defendant before each court appearance with one  
15 notice the day before the required court appearance;

16                 (2) the agency shall provide at least one text message  
17 to the defendant if the defendant misses a court  
18 appearance; and

19                 (3) a copy of the content of the message and a delivery  
20 receipt shall be maintained as part of the Agency records.

21           (c) This Section does not apply if the agency does not have  
22 the information needed from a defendant to send a text message  
23 notification to the defendant or if the defendant has opted  
24 out of text message reminders.

25           (d) The agency may provide phone calls, emails, or written  
26 notifications for defendants that cannot receive text messages

1 or defendants who elect to receive these alternative types of  
2 notifications.

3 (e) For circuit courts and counties with a population  
4 greater than or equal to 3,000,000 where a local pretrial  
5 services agency provides pretrial services, the local pretrial  
6 services agency or any other agency designated by the chief  
7 judge shall provide notification of court appearance  
8 obligations to all persons under pretrial services supervision  
9 or charged with a misdemeanor or felony offense as set forth in  
10 paragraph (1) of subsection (b) and subsections (c) and (d).

11 (f) In this Section, "agency" means a pretrial services  
12 agency.

13 (Source: P.A. 104-2, eff. 6-16-25.)

14 (725 ILCS 185/25.1 new)

15 Sec. 25.1. Statewide court date reminder system analysis.

16 (a) It is the intention of this analysis to identify a  
17 practical method for the establishment of court date reminders  
18 for all persons charged with a criminal offense in this State.  
19 While approximately 80% of Illinois' population is covered by  
20 a circuit court system with text reminders, there remain  
21 circuit courts without such reminders.

22 (b) The Office of Statewide Pretrial Services shall  
23 conduct a system analysis regarding the existence,  
24 utilization, and practices of court date notification systems  
25 within Illinois' circuit courts. The analysis shall also

1 include a review of existing research on the effectiveness of  
2 notification methods, cadences, and language. The analysis  
3 shall also include a review of the availability and  
4 practicality of notification systems to circuit courts.

5 (c) In conducting the analysis, the Office may also  
6 consult with state and national organizations with expertise  
7 in court reminder best practices.

8 (d) The Office shall report its analysis and findings to  
9 the General Assembly, Governor, and Supreme Court no later  
10 than December 31, 2026, with the goal of supporting additional  
11 legislative changes in 2027.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law.