Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail & Pretrial Incarceration's 18 Legislative Recommendations

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Massively reduce arrests by limiting driver's license suspensions to offenses directly related to driver safety.

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Reclassify some misdemeanors as civil infractions, including non-moving traffic violations that don't involve intoxication.



Expand officer discretion to use appearance tickets as an alternative to arrest; create a presumption of citation for 90-93 day misdemeanors.

Reduce use of bench warrants for failures to appear, failure to pay court fines, fees & child support, among other changes.



Divert people with behavioral health to treatment & dedicate funding for diversion to law enforcement, service providers & community organizations.

Make Jail Overcrowding Act proactive by authorizing sheriffs to divert & release some incarcerated people.



Provide and fund behavioral health crisis response training for law enforcement, dispatch

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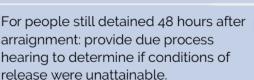
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Shorten time people spend in jail between arrest and arraignment to 24 hours, extendable to 48 hours with good cause.



Reform bail system to establish presumption of release on personal recognizance or non-monetary release conditions in many or most cases.

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Limit use of restrictive pretrial release conditions, such as drug testing, electronic monitoring and in-person check ins.

and jail officers.

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Strengthen speedy trial laws; require defendants to be tried within 18 months, absent waiver, acquiescence or agreement.



Reduce incarceration for simple misdemeanors by creating the presumption they should not result in incarceration.

Presume non-jail & non-probation sentences for less serious misdemeanors; eliminate mandatory jail sentences for all misdemeanors.



Reduce the length of probation/ parole supervision; raise thresholds for parole/probation revocation as punishment for technical violations.

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Address financial barriers to compliance; reduce fine amounts & require that those unable to pay be allowed community service.



Invest in services and supports for crime victims; train law enforcement in best practices for interviewing crime victims & survivors.

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Standardize criminal justice data collecting and reporting at the state and local levels.



To read the full report and recommendations, please visit http://bit.ly/JailsTaskForce