

Act No. 140 (S.171). Crimes and criminal procedures; pretrial services

An act relating to eligibility for pretrial risk assessment and needs screening

This act amends the law concerning pretrial services by doing five things:

- expanding the list of eligible participants to any person cited for a misdemeanor or felony offense (excluding drug trafficking)
- clarifying that participation in the assessments or screenings, or both, is voluntary
- requiring that the results of the assessment or screening, or both, be sent to the defendant, his or her attorney, the prosecutor, and the court
- clarifying the court's ability to order compliance with the provider's recommendations if a person elects to participate in an assessment or screening, or both
- making various technical amendments to distinguish between risk assessments and clinical assessments and a correction to an erroneous date

Effective Date: May 25, 2016