

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 167  
3 entitled “An act relating to alternative approaches to addressing low-level  
4 illicit drug use” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by  
6 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the  
7 following:

8 Sec. 1. MISDEMEANOR POSSESSION OF DRUGS; PRETRIAL  
9 SERVICES

10 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to encourage persons cited or  
11 arrested for a misdemeanor drug possession charge to engage with pretrial  
12 services, and, if appropriate, enter treatment, and that, in turn, a person who  
13 complies with such conditions will be eligible for dismissal of the charge.

14 (b) The Attorney General, the Defender General, and the Executive  
15 Director of the Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs shall work  
16 collaboratively to develop a specific legislative proposal to accomplish this  
17 intent with an implementation date of July 1, 2018 and report to the Senate and  
18 House Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations, the Senate Committee  
19 on Health and Welfare, and the House Committee on Human Services on or  
20 before November 1, 2017.

1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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5           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE