

Dear Representative Grad,

I am writing to inform you and the House Judiciary Committee that I have reviewed the latest draft of H. 20 which includes the following amendment relating to the court's authority to request a pretrial risk assessment:

"a judge may request that a pretrial services coordinator perform a risk assessment that assesses risk of flight"

I have no objection to the new language that allows a judge to request a risk assessment recognizing that, 1) it may not be available; and 2) even if available, a defendant does not have to participate in the assessment.

This comment is offered in lieu of testimony, but please let me know if you or the committee require further comment.

Thank you,

Brian J. Grearson  
Chief Superior Judge