

# OHIO'S CASH BAIL SYSTEM: CURRENT VS. PROPOSED



## CURRENT SYSTEM



Do they have money to post a bond (set by a bond schedule or judge)?

YES

NO

**Free!**  
They get to go home and will remain in the community as their case continues.

Likely held in jail unnecessarily.

## PROPOSED SYSTEM



Is there a concern they pose a threat?

YES

NO

Hearing to determine what conditions are necessary to assure the safety of any individuals and deter willful flight.

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What happens the week they are arrested?

Currently, Ohio's overreliance on cash bail allows resources — not threat level — to determine whether someone is released pretrial. That's not safe, but it is wasteful to taxpayers and incredibly harmful to those individuals who remain in jail unnecessarily.