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Judiciary Releases Report Detailing First Year of Criminal Justice Reform

The Administrative Office of the Courts today released a report detailing highlights of the first year of Criminal Justice Reform.

The 27-page report provides data on the performance of the program, from arrest through pretrial monitoring. The statistics track the Judiciary's compliance with Criminal Justice Reform timeframes, the number of defendants released and the conditions of their release, and prosecutorial and judicial decisions related to pretrial detention applications. Other statistics show a 20 percent reduction in New Jersey's pretrial jail population from the start of the program on Jan 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018.

The first year of implementation also included changes in regard to gun crimes and repeat arrests that were sparked by concerns raised from various segments of the criminal justice community.

"The ability to make these kinds of significant adjustments indicates that the program is working as intended," said Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts. "New Jersey has successfully transformed an antiquated money bail system into a modern, risk-based system that relies on empirical evidence to better identify the risk a defendant poses. In the year ahead, the Judiciary, along with its many vital partners, must continue to identify issues and improvements that will make the criminal justice system fairer and our communities safer."

The report can be found [here](#).

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