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## **Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage to Hold Criminal Justice Reform Outreach Session**

The Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage will host a Criminal Justice Reform information session on Monday, March 26 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Gloucester County Library, 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill.

The event will provide information about changes to the criminal justice system that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

Under the changes, New Jersey's criminal justice system was transformed from one that relies principally on monetary bail as a condition of pretrial release to a risk-based system that bases pretrial release decisions on an examination of objective factors.

The new system allows defendants who pose a low risk of violence or flight to be released under certain levels of monitoring while awaiting trial. Prosecutors can also seek to detain dangerous defendants until trial. Defendants who are detained are subject to speedy trial rules that set deadlines for the disposition of criminal charges.

The session is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. Individual cases will not be discussed. For more information, contact Vanessa Cardwell at 856-575-5244 or [Vanessa.cardwell@njcourts.gov](mailto:Vanessa.cardwell@njcourts.gov).

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