

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4510**

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**District 11 (Monmouth)**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes FY2024 supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to Judiciary to support expansion of Pretrial Services Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/13/2024)**

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year  
2 ending June 30, 2024, P.L.2023, c.74.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the  
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74,  
8 the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
9 2024, there is appropriated from the General Fund the following  
10 amount for the purpose specified:

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12 **98 The Judiciary**

13 *10 Public safety and Criminal Justice*

14 *04 Criminal Courts*

15 *9725 Criminal Courts*

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17 **DIRECT STATE SERVICES**

18 04-9725 Criminal Courts ..... \$500,000

19 Total Direct State Services appropriation,

20 Criminal Courts ..... \$500,000

21 ***Direct State Services:***

22 04 Statewide Pretrial Services Program ..... \$500,000

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill supplements the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriation act to  
30 provide \$500,000 in supplemental funding to the Judiciary's  
31 Statewide Pretrial Services Program. The Pretrial Services Program  
32 was established in New Jersey in 2017 pursuant to the Criminal  
33 Justice Reform Act.

34 A 2023 Report of the Reconvened Joint Committee on Criminal  
35 Justice made a recommendation to provide additional funding to  
36 enable the Judiciary to increase Pretrial Services Program staffing  
37 in order to ensure adequate oversight of the large number of  
38 defendants on pretrial release. During a March 7, 2024 Senate  
39 Judiciary Committee meeting, a similar concern about the lack of  
40 adequate resources for pretrial services was raised during oral and  
41 written testimonies. The Director of the Administrative Office of  
42 the Courts reiterated the recommendation for increased funding and  
43 staffing for pretrial services. Furthermore, during oral testimonies,  
44 multiple county prosecutors also underscored the need for  
45 additional funding for pretrial services, particularly with regard to  
46 staff and equipment for electronic monitoring of defendants.

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- 1 The FY 2025 Governor's Budget recommends a \$24.2 million
- 2 for Statewide Pretrial Services Program, which is unchanged from
- 3 the FY 2024 appropriation of the same amount.