



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CODES
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CORRECTION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) and Pretrial Services

PURPOSE: To examine the adequacy of Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) and pretrial services in light of recent criminal justice reform initiatives.

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Thursday, November 14, 2019
11:00AM
Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Hearing Room B
Albany, New York

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

New York State's prison population has been steadily decreasing since 1999 while the crime rate has also dropped and remained at historic lows. The Assembly has a long history of working to end mass incarceration and promoting alternative to incarceration and pretrial service programs which have played a vital role in both reducing recidivism and the prison population.

Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) programs allow people to receive mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, education, employment and other crucial services that will help end mass incarceration. This hearing is intended to examine such programs and how we can better support these successful sentencing alternatives.

In April 2019, New York State passed sweeping criminal justice reforms which will largely limit the use of cash bail. Pursuant to these reforms, persons released from custody pretrial may be ordered by the court to abide by certain restrictions or conditions of release in order to ensure their return to court. The availability of pre-trial services will be vital to the success of these reforms. This hearing will examine what pre-trial services currently exist within the State in light of the criminal justice reforms.

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