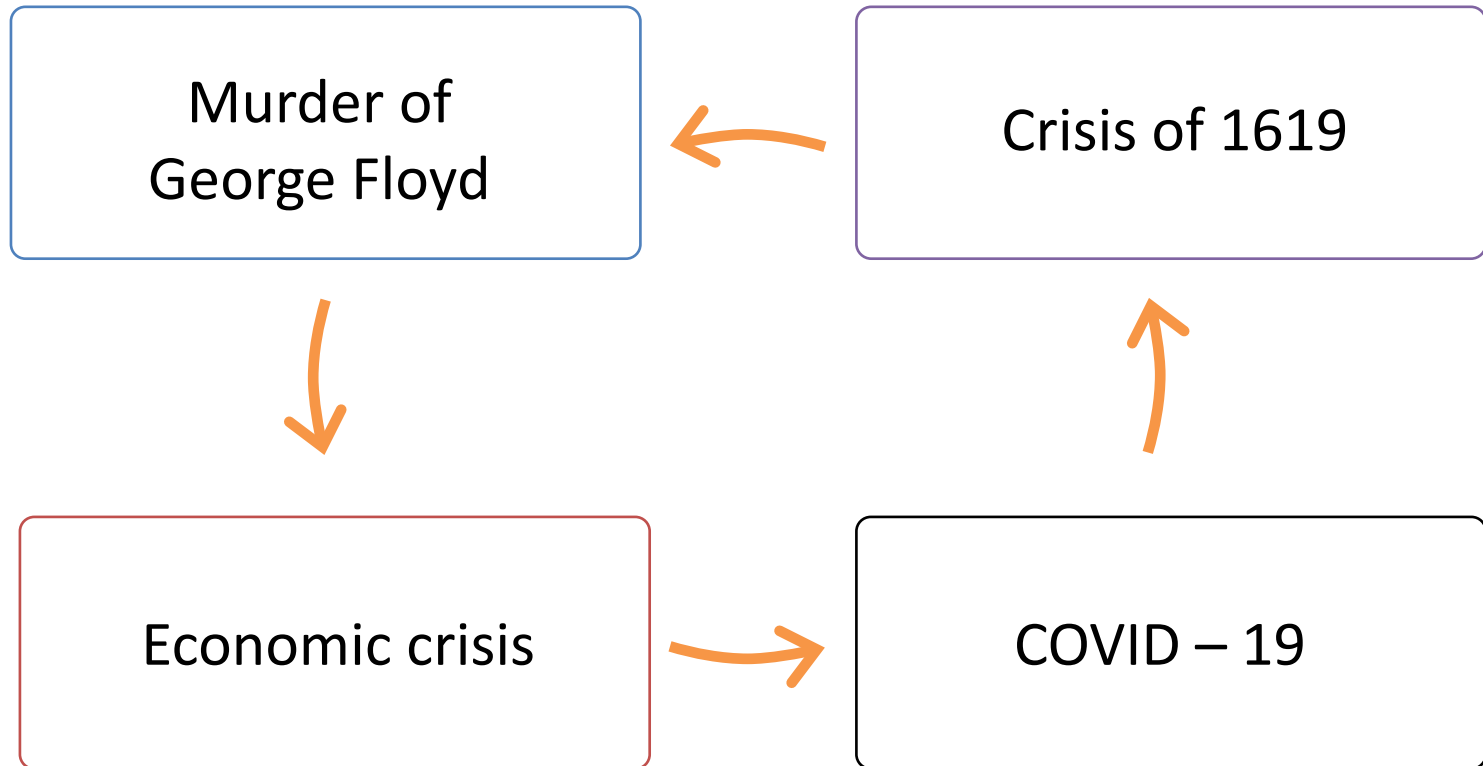




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The Illinois Pretrial Fairness Act

Origins of the SAFE-T Act



Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' Four Pillar Agenda

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY,
AND VIOLENCE REDUCTION
PILLAR**



**EDUCATION
AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT
PILLAR**



**ECONOMIC ACCESS,
EQUITY AND
OPPORTUNITY
PILLAR**



**HEALTH CARE
AND
HUMAN SERVICES
PILLAR**



Safety, Accountability, Fairness & Equity – Today Act (SAFE-T Act)

The SAFE-T Act was created to:

1. Increase public safety,
2. Dismantle systemic injustices and
3. Increase trust between law enforcement and the community.

This comprehensive bill had four major prongs:

- Police accountability and training reform;
- Sentencing and prison reform;
- Violence reduction; and
- The elimination of cash bail (The Pretrial Fairness Act).



What does the SAFE-T Act do?

THE SAFE-T ACT

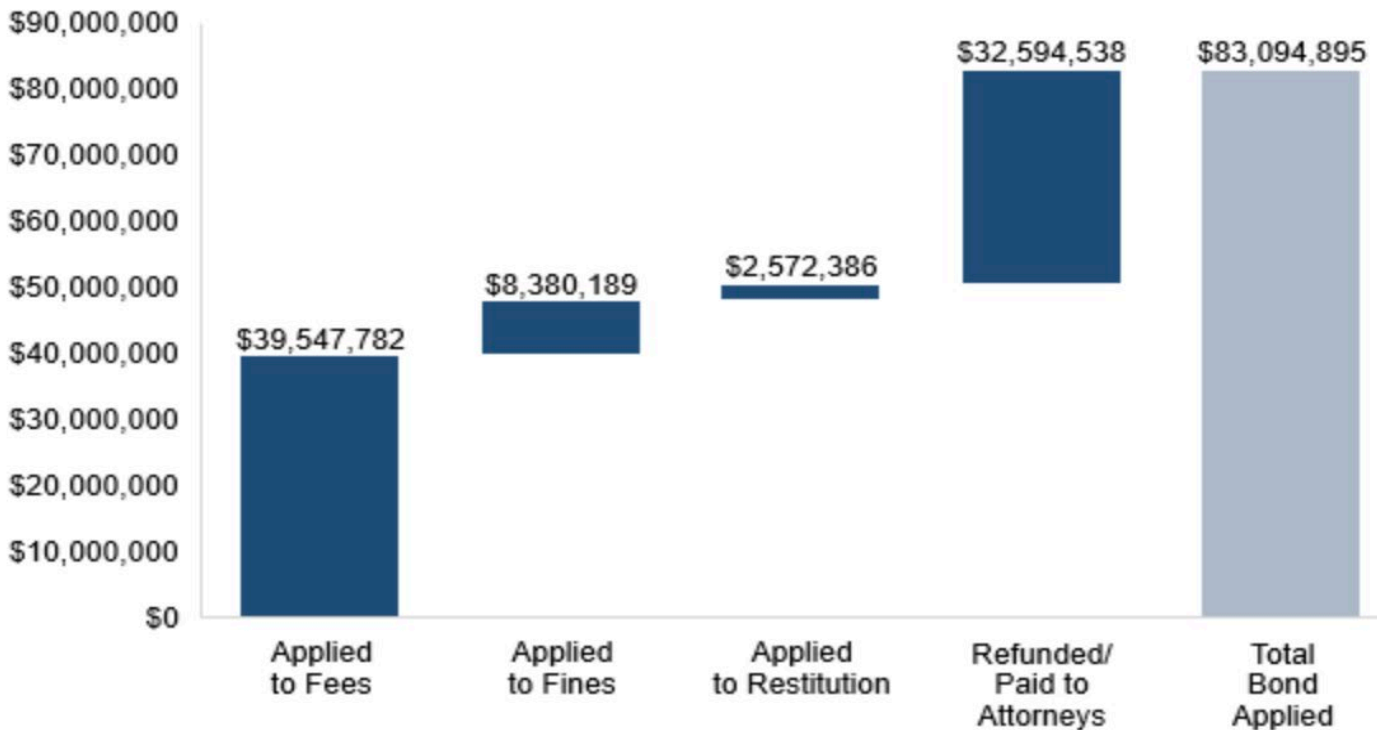
- BASES DETENTION ON RISK FACTORS AND POTENTIAL TO FLEE RATHER THAN ABILITY TO PAY
- ENSURES THAT JUDGES RETAIN THE ABILITY TO HOLD INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SAFETY RISKS
- FOCUSES ON THE NEEDS OF CRIME VICTIMS
- BRINGS OUR STATE CLOSER TO A SYSTEM OF TRUE SAFETY, FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE

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Distribution of Bond Payments

Distribution of Total Bond Payments Applied in Illinois: 2021
n = 95 Counties



Myth vs. Fact

SAFE-T ACT

WHEN ILLINOIS ELIMINATES CASH BAIL ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, MURDERERS, KIDNAPPERS AND RAPISTS WILL NOT BE ARRESTED, BUT INSTEAD JUST ISSUED A NOTICE TO APPEAR IN COURT.



MYTH

FACT



THERE IS NOTHING IN THE SAFE-T ACT PREVENTING ARRESTS FOR THESE CRIMES. THE LAW ALLOWS FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO BE DETAINED PENDING TRIAL.

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Misinformation Campaign

OPINION

Illinois' no-cash bail law will turn the state into 'The Purge'

By [Gianno Caldwell](#)

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SAFE-T ACT

Legal Experts Explain Why the Pretrial Fairness Act Isn't a 'Purge Law' in Illinois

Controversial 'purge' law in US state is now in effect



Tom Wood



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How has pretrial practice changed?

FORMER PRETRIAL PRACTICE

BEFORE SEPT. 18, 2023

THOSE CHARGED WITH MURDER, SEXUAL CRIMES, GUN OFFENSES AND OTHER DANGEROUS CRIMES CAN PAY TO BE RELEASED AFTER THEIR ARREST.

THOSE CHARGED WITH MINOR AND NONVIOLENT OFFENSES WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR THEIR RELEASE SIT IN JAIL AWAITING TRIAL.

VS

SAFE-T ACT PRETRIAL PRACTICE

AFTER SEPT. 18, 2023

A PERSON CHARGED WITH MURDER, RAPE, SEX OFFENSES, GUN OFFENSES OR ANY DANGEROUS CRIME CANNOT BUY THEIR RELEASE – NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE.

A PERSON CHARGED WITH A MINOR OFFENSE AND NOT DEEMED TO BE A SAFETY RISK WILL NO LONGER BE HELD IN DETENTION ONLY BECAUSE THEY LACK ACCESS TO MONEY.

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Impact of Bail Reform on Crime

Cook County bail reform had no effect on new criminal activity or crime



17% of defendants released before reforms failed to appear for a court hearing

20% of defendants released after reforms failed to appear for a court hearing



There was no statistically significant change in the amount of crime in Chicago in the year after reforms



17% of defendants released before and after reforms had a new criminal case filed while on pretrial release



3% of defendants released before and after reforms had a new violent criminal case filed while on pretrial release

Loyola University Chicago



Where are we now?

As SAFE-T Act goes live, murder suspects previously eligible to post bond are held in jail



With cash bail eliminated in Illinois, Cook County Jail population shrinks

The numbers are near a 40-year low, but experts say they could rise as defendants now deemed too risky to release remain locked up.
By Chip Mitchell | WBZZ | Oct 12, 2023, 7:56pm CDT



Violent Crime Down In IL, But Property Crimes Spike: FBI Report

The rate of violent crimes across the state plummeted by 20 percent from 2021 although property crime incidents jumped to 181,000 cases.
Posted Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 3:43 pm CT



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