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AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7084(b), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4408, added item 3151.

1984—Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §203(e), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1985, inserted “AND DETENTION PENDING JUDICIAL PROCEEDING” in chapter heading, added new items 3141 to 3150, and struck out former items 3141 to 3151 as follows: item 3141 “Power of courts and magistrates”, item 3142 “Surrender by bail”, item 3143 “Additional bail”, item 3144 “Cases removed from State courts”, item 3145 “Parties and witnesses—Rule”, item 3146 “Release in noncapital cases prior to trial”, item 3147 “Appeal from conditions of release”, item 3148 “Release in capital cases or after conviction”, item 3149 “Release of material witnesses”, item 3150 “Penalties for failure to appear”, item 3150a “Refund of forfeited bail”, item 3151 “Contempt”.

1982—Pub. L. 97-267, §6, Sept. 27, 1982, 96 Stat. 1138, struck out “agencies” after “services” in item 3152, substituted “and administration of pretrial services” for “of pretrial services agencies” in item 3153, “relating to pretrial services” for “of pretrial services agencies” in item 3154, and “Annual reports” for “Report to Congress” in item 3155.

Pub. L. 97-258, §2(d)(3)(A), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1058, added item 3150a.

1975—Pub. L. 93-619, title II, §202, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2089, added items 3153 to 3156, and in item 3152, substituted “Establishment of Pretrial Services Agencies” for “Definitions”.

1966—Pub. L. 89-465, §§3(b), 5(e)(1), June 22, 1966, 80 Stat. 216, 217, substituted “RELEASE” for “BAIL” in chapter heading and “Release in noncapital cases prior to trial” for “Jumping Bail” in item 3146, and added items 3147 to 3152.

1954—Act Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 772, §2, 68 Stat. 748, added item 3146.

§ 3141. Release and detention authority generally

(a) PENDING TRIAL.—A judicial officer authorized to order the arrest of a person under section 3041 of this title before whom an arrested person is brought shall order that such person be released or detained, pending judicial proceedings, under this chapter.

(b) PENDING SENTENCE OR APPEAL.—A judicial officer of a court of original jurisdiction over an offense, or a judicial officer of a Federal appellate court, shall order that, pending imposition or execution of sentence, or pending appeal of conviction or sentence, a person be released or detained under this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §203(a), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1976; amended Pub. L. 99-646, §55(a), (b), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3607.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3141, acts June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 821; June 22, 1966, Pub. L. 89-465, §5(b), 80 Stat. 217, related to powers of courts and magistrates with respect to release on bail or otherwise, prior to repeal in the revision of this chapter by section 203(a) of Pub. L. 98-473.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-646, §55(a), (b), substituted “authorized to order the arrest of a person under section 3041 of this title before whom an arrested person is brought shall order that such person be released” for “who is authorized to order the arrest of a person pursuant to section 3041 of this title shall order that an arrested person who is brought before him be released” and “under this chapter” for “pursuant to the provisions of this chapter”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-646, §55(a), substituted “under this chapter” for “pursuant to the provisions of this chapter”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-646, §55(j), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3611, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 3142 to 3144, 3146 to 3148, and 3156 of this title] shall take effect 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1986].”

SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-458, title VI, §6951, Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3775, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle K (§§6951, 6952) of title VI of Pub. L. 108-458, amending section 3142 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Pretrial Detention of Terrorists Act of 2004.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-647, title IX, §901, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4826, provided that: “This title [amending sections 3143 and 3145 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Mandatory Detention for Offenders Convicted of Serious Crimes Act.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §202, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1976, provided that: “This chapter [chapter I (§§202-210) of title II of Pub. L. 98-473, enacting sections 3062 and 3141 to 3150 of this title, amending sections 3041, 3042, 3154, 3156, 3731, 3772, and 4282 of this title and section 636 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, repealing sections 3043 and 3141 to 3151 of this title, and amending rules 5, 15, 40, 46, and 54 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, set out in the Appendix to this title, and rule 9 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, set out in the Appendix to Title 28] may be cited as the ‘Bail Reform Act of 1984.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 97-267, §1, Sept. 27, 1982, 96 Stat. 1136, provided: “That this Act [amending sections 3152 to 3155 of this title and section 604 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 3141 and 3152 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Pretrial Services Act of 1982.’”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 89-465, §1, June 22, 1966, 80 Stat. 214, provided: “That this Act [enacting sections 3146 to 3152 of this title, amending sections 3041, 3141 to 3143, and 3568 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note below] may be cited as the ‘Bail Reform Act of 1966.’”

PURPOSE OF BAIL REFORM ACT OF 1966

Pub. L. 89-465, §2, June 22, 1966, 80 Stat. 214, provided that: “The purpose of this Act [enacting sections 3146

to 3152 of this title, amending sections 3041, 3141 to 3143, and 3568 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note above] is to revise the practices relating to bail to assure that all persons, regardless of their financial status, shall not needlessly be detained pending their appearance to answer charges, to testify, or pending appeal, when detention serves neither the ends of justice nor the public interest.”

§ 3142. Release or detention of a defendant pending trial

(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the appearance before a judicial officer of a person charged with an offense, the judicial officer shall issue an order that, pending trial, the person be—

- (1) released on personal recognizance or upon execution of an unsecured appearance bond, under subsection (b) of this section;
- (2) released on a condition or combination of conditions under subsection (c) of this section;
- (3) temporarily detained to permit revocation of conditional release, deportation, or exclusion under subsection (d) of this section; or
- (4) detained under subsection (e) of this section.

(b) RELEASE ON PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE OR UNSECURED APPEARANCE BOND.—The judicial officer shall order the pretrial release of the person on personal recognizance, or upon execution of an unsecured appearance bond in an amount specified by the court, subject to the condition that the person not commit a Federal, State, or local crime during the period of release and subject to the condition that the person cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the person if the collection of such a sample is authorized pursuant to section 3 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14135a),¹ unless the judicial officer determines that such release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required or will endanger the safety of any other person or the community.

(c) RELEASE ON CONDITIONS.—(1) If the judicial officer determines that the release described in subsection (b) of this section will not reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required or will endanger the safety of any other person or the community, such judicial officer shall order the pretrial release of the person—

(A) subject to the condition that the person not commit a Federal, State, or local crime during the period of release and subject to the condition that the person cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the person if the collection of such a sample is authorized pursuant to section 3 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14135a);¹ and

(B) subject to the least restrictive further condition, or combination of conditions, that such judicial officer determines will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community, which may include the condition that the person—

- (i) remain in the custody of a designated person, who agrees to assume supervision and to report any violation of a release con-

dition to the court, if the designated person is able reasonably to assure the judicial officer that the person will appear as required and will not pose a danger to the safety of any other person or the community;

- (ii) maintain employment, or, if unemployed, actively seek employment;
- (iii) maintain or commence an educational program;
- (iv) abide by specified restrictions on personal associations, place of abode, or travel;
- (v) avoid all contact with an alleged victim of the crime and with a potential witness who may testify concerning the offense;
- (vi) report on a regular basis to a designated law enforcement agency, pretrial services agency, or other agency;
- (vii) comply with a specified curfew;
- (viii) refrain from possessing a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon;
- (ix) refrain from excessive use of alcohol, or any use of a narcotic drug or other controlled substance, as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802), without a prescription by a licensed medical practitioner;
- (x) undergo available medical, psychological, or psychiatric treatment, including treatment for drug or alcohol dependency, and remain in a specified institution if required for that purpose;
- (xi) execute an agreement to forfeit upon failing to appear as required, property of a sufficient unencumbered value, including money, as is reasonably necessary to assure the appearance of the person as required, and shall provide the court with proof of ownership and the value of the property along with information regarding existing encumbrances as the judicial office may require;
- (xii) execute a bail bond with solvent sureties; who will execute an agreement to forfeit in such amount as is reasonably necessary to assure appearance of the person as required and shall provide the court with information regarding the value of the assets and liabilities of the surety if other than an approved surety and the nature and extent of encumbrances against the surety's property; such surety shall have a net worth which shall have sufficient unencumbered value to pay the amount of the bail bond;
- (xiii) return to custody for specified hours following release for employment, schooling, or other limited purposes; and
- (xiv) satisfy any other condition that is reasonably necessary to assure the appearance of the person as required and to assure the safety of any other person and the community.

In any case that involves a minor victim under section 1201, 1591, 2241, 2242, 2244(a)(1), 2245, 2251, 2251A, 2252(a)(1), 2252(a)(2), 2252(a)(3), 2252A(a)(1), 2252A(a)(2), 2252A(a)(3), 2252A(a)(4), 2260, 2421, 2422, 2423, or 2425 of this title, or a failure to register offense under section 2250 of this title, any release order shall contain, at a minimum, a condition of electronic monitoring and each of the conditions specified at subparagraphs (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), and (viii).

¹ See References in Text note below.