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Committee Assignment: Senate Liberty 3

Bill #: SL-21

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**An Act To**

Amend penal law part two S.80.05 to reform the current bail law.

***The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this bill is to amend the bail reform law. The bail reform law takes away the judge's power to set bail for people who are being accused of non-violent felonies and misdemeanors. The purpose is to stop that from happening to keep the people being accused, from either harming someone else or to just be safe.

**Summary of Provisions**

The bail reform law affects a person when they commit or are being accused of committing a non-violent felony or misdemeanor.

~~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.~~

**Justification**

Judges used to be able to set bail and the defendant could either pay it with money or a bond if they could not then they would have to be put into jail. Now with the bail reform law people who are being accused of crimes can just be set free until their court date. They get a ticket that says their court date and what information about their court date. misdemeanors and non-violent felonies can be very serious and very scary. These people who commit them, even if they didn't, they should remain in jail until their court date to keep the public safe.

**Fiscal Implications**

There are no fiscal implications with this bill. This bill will create a source of tax revenue for New York State as well as restore the justice system. If this bill passes, we would increase the tax by 7%

**Effective Date**

July 1st, 2020