

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2706

To prohibit cashless bail in the District of Columbia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ending Cashless Bail
5 in Our Nation’s Capital Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING CASHLESS BAIL IN THE DISTRICT OF**
7 **COLUMBIA.**

8 The District of Columbia shall not have in effect a
9 policy or practice that—

10 (1) fails to allow for cash bail at the highest
11 level necessary to ensure public safety, as appro-

1 appropriate, as a condition of pretrial release for a de-
2 fendant that poses a clear threat to public safety
3 and order, including—

4 (A) a defendant charged with an offense
5 involving—

6 (i) a failure to appear;

7 (ii) obstruction of justice;

8 (iii) fleeing from a law enforcement
9 officer;

10 (iv) rioting or inciting to riot;

11 (v) sexual abuse;

12 (vi) destruction of another's property;

13 (vii) stalking; or

14 (viii) aggravated assault; and

15 (B) a defendant charged with such an of-
16 fense on multiple occasions; or

17 (2) fails to mandate or impose an automatic
18 presumption of pretrial detention for all defendants
19 charged with violent offenses, such as murder, rape,
20 carjacking, sexual abuse of a minor, robbery, or bur-
21 glary.

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