

Bail Act 1976 amendments

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This circular provides an overview of changes made to the Bail Act 1976 which has been amended by the Sentencing Act 2026.

The Sentencing Act 2026 establishes a package of amendments to the Bail Act 1976 to help reduce the prison remand population. There are three main amendments to the Bail Act: a change to the 'no real prospect of custody' test; changes to the eligibility for electronic monitoring and adding specific additional factors to the list of relevant factors that a court should consider when deciding whether to bail or remand a defendant.

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