



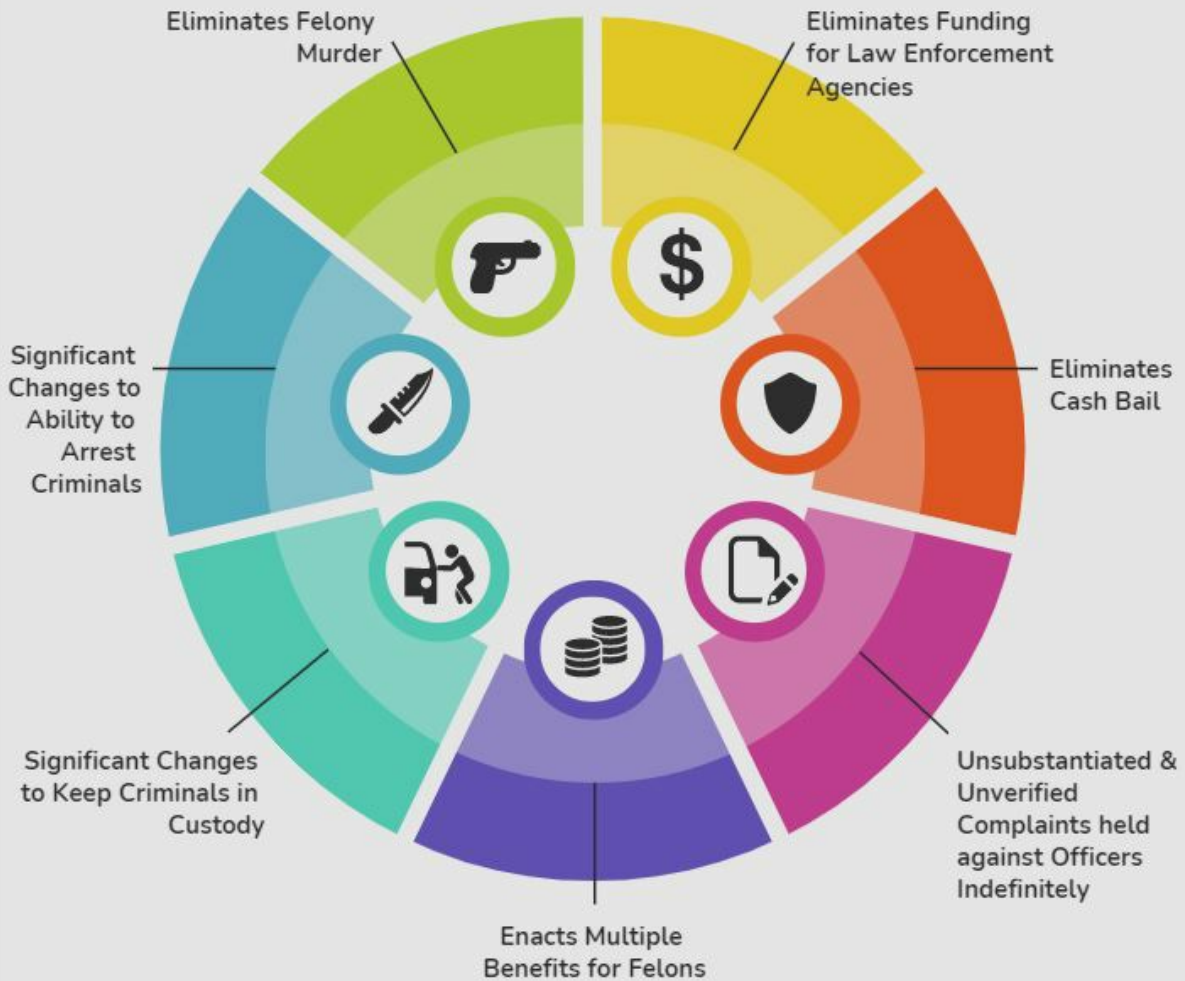
ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

A SPECIAL NEWS ALERT (01/06)

The Safety of Your Community is at Risk

Defund the Police bill is on this week's agenda in Illinois (HB 163 as Amended).

The Illinois Senate is introducing a bill this week that radically changes law enforcement, victim services, criminal proceedings and the protections of every law enforcement officer in the State, regardless of employment as a peace officer, deputy, trooper, university police officer, corrections officer, court security officer or other law enforcement.



Eliminating Funding

Including but not limited to: Significantly

Eliminates Cash Bail

Significant increases in violent crime have been

increasing training requirements without proving funding assistance, Eliminating Officer's right to Collectively Bargain, Mandating the use of body cameras by all departments for every officer with no money to pay for the cost of those cameras and 20% cut in funding if you don't.

Unsubstantiated Complaints

Mandates that those unsubstantiated and unverified complaints be kept to be used against officers forever, with no destruction and no limits on how they can be utilized to inflict harm on officers. Also allows officers to be punished or fired based on anonymous and unsubstantiated or unverifiable complaints-no sworn affidavits.

Benefits for Felons

Enacts multiple benefits for felons-including access to victims compensation but charges officers with Official Misconduct, a class 3 felony, for incidental issues.

seen in places like New York after the elimination of Cash Bail. This threatens law enforcement's ability to keep communities safe and puts victims at risk of being re-victimized.

Significant Changes to Keep Criminals in Custody

No custodial arrests for certain offenses. Expanding electronic monitoring and more freedom for unfettered movement of criminals.

Ability to Arrest Criminals

Makes it much more difficult to ensure the safety of others and prohibits use of force in almost all situations, even those that are life threatening to the community and law enforcement.

Eliminates Felony Murder

Eliminates Felony Murder charges effective immediately.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Find your local elected officials by going to the Illinois State Board of Elections. You can get there with this link: [Illinois State Board of Elections](https://www.sbe.state.il.us/)

If you live somewhere other than you work, please consider contacting the elected officials for both locations. You can use your work address on the State Board of Election's website just like a home address. You can always say "I work in Springfield." or "I live in Decatur."

2. Go to www.ilga.gov to find the contact information for your legislators.

Remember to be respectful and professional. Do not assume they are against you or supportive of the bill. Let them know what you think and what you want, but do not blame or accuse. If they do not respond to you, do not feel ignored. They are getting hundreds of calls and emails. They will read every email and listen to every message. **Your voice is being heard.**
