



# OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

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Dear District Clerk or County Clerk:

During the second called legislative session of the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, [SB 6](#) was enacted and mandated the addition of new data elements (**bail and pretrial release information**) to the Criminal section of the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports. The reporting requirements are effective **April 1, 2022**.

Sec. 71.0351. BAIL AND PRETRIAL RELEASE INFORMATION. (a)

As a component of the official monthly report submitted to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System under Section 71.035, the clerk of each court setting bail in criminal cases shall report:

(1) the number of defendants for whom bail was set after arrest, including:

(A) the number for each category of offense;

(B) the number of personal bonds; and

(C) the number of surety or cash bonds;

(2) the number of defendants released on bail who subsequently failed to appear;

(3) the number of defendants released on bail who subsequently violated a condition of release; and

(4) the number of defendants who committed an offense while released on bail or community supervision.

Although Section 71.0351(a)(1)(A-C) requires the reporting of the number of defendants for each category of offense, the number of personal bonds, and the number of surety or cash bonds, this information will **instead** be captured from the Bail Form information submitted through the Public Safety Report System established by Article 17.021, Code of Criminal Procedure.

The remaining 3 new data fields will be added to the data entry screens for each court level as shown below. Since court case management systems and the Judicial Council court activity reports are designed to track cases, **note that the data fields refer to Cases and not Defendants.**

**District Court Criminal section**

ADDITIONAL COURT ACTIVITY	TOTAL
21. CASES IN WHICH JURY SELECTED	<input type="text"/>
22. CASES IN WHICH MISTRIAL DECLARED	<input type="text"/>
23. MOTION TO SUPPRESS HEARINGS HELD	<input type="text"/>
24. MENTAL ILLNESS/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY ASSESSMENTS	<input type="text"/>
25. COMPETENCY EXAMINATION REPORTS	<input type="text"/>
26. CASES SET FOR REVIEW	<input type="text"/>
27. CASES IN WHICH ATTORNEY APPOINTED AS COUNSEL	<input type="text"/>
28. CASES WITH RETAINED COUNSEL	<input type="text"/>

INFORMATION ON TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS	TOTAL
29. CASES FILED FOR TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS	<input type="text"/>
30. CASES FILED FOR PROSTITUTION	<input type="text"/>
31. CASES FILED FOR COMPELLING PROSTITUTION	<input type="text"/>
32. CASES FILED FOR SOLICITATION OF PROSTITUTION	<input type="text"/>
BAIL INFORMATION	TOTAL
33. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT FAILED TO APPEAR	<input type="text"/>
34. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT VIOLATED CONDITION OF RELEASE	<input type="text"/>
35. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT COMMITTED OFFENSE WHILE ON BAIL OR COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	<input type="text"/>

**Statutory County Court Misdemeanor section**

ADDITIONAL COURT ACTIVITY	Misdemeanor Cases	Felony Cases	Total	INFORMATION ON TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS	Total
20. CASES IN WHICH JURY SELECTED	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	28. CASES FILED FOR TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS	<input type="text"/>
21. CASES IN WHICH MISTRIAL DECLARED	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	29. CASES FILED FOR PROSTITUTION	<input type="text"/>
22. MOTIONS TO SUPPRESS GRANTED OR DENIED	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	30. CASES FILED FOR COMPELLING PROSTITUTION	<input type="text"/>
23. MENTAL ILLNESS/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY ASSESSMENTS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	31. CASES FILED FOR SOLICITATION OF PROSTITUTION	<input type="text"/>
24. COMPETENCY EXAMINATION REPORTS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	BAIL INFORMATION	TOTAL
25. CASES SET FOR REVIEW	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	32. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT FAILED TO APPEAR	<input type="text"/>
26. CASES IN WHICH ATTORNEY APPOINTED AS COUNSEL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	33. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT VIOLATED CONDITION OF RELEASE	<input type="text"/>
27. CASES WITH RETAINED COUNSEL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	34. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT COMMITTED OFFENSE WHILE ON BAIL OR COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	<input type="text"/>

## Constitutional County Court Misdemeanor section

ADDITIONAL COURT ACTIVITY	
20. CASES IN WHICH JURY SELECTED	<input type="text"/>
21. CASES IN WHICH MISTRIAL DECLARED	<input type="text"/>
22. MOTIONS TO SUPPRESS GRANTED OR DENIED	<input type="text"/>
23. MENTAL ILLNESS/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY ASSESSMENTS	<input type="text"/>
24. COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS REPORTS	<input type="text"/>
25. CASES SET FOR REVIEW	<input type="text"/>
26. CASES IN WHICH ATTORNEY APPOINTED AS COUNSEL	<input type="text"/>
27. CASES WITH RETAINED COUNSEL	<input type="text"/>

BAIL INFORMATION	TOTAL
28. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT FAILED TO APPEAR	<input type="text"/>
29. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT VIOLATED CONDITION OF RELEASE	<input type="text"/>
30. CASES IN WHICH DEFENDANT COMMITTED OFFENSE WHILE ON BAIL OR COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	<input type="text"/>

Updated instructions are posted on the Judicial Council Trial Court Activity Reports website for [district and county clerks](#).

For those of you who **upload** the report, updated XML specifications for your case management system vendor or local IT staff will be posted at the same website (<https://www.txcourts.gov/reporting-to-oca/judicial-council-trial-court-activity-reports/district-county-court-reports/>) when they are ready under the XML Specifications and Tester section.

We understand that it will take time to implement these new reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

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