

## S.F. No. 415 – Charitable Bail Organizations (First Engrossment)

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### Overview

**SF No. 415** regulates and places limitations on the operations of charitable bail organizations (CBOs).

**Section 1** defines CBOs as organizations that solicit or accept donations from the public and agree to deposit money bail for another person.

Requires a CBO to be a federally recognized charitable organization located and registered to do business in Minnesota and to comply with the provisions of this section and the court rule regulating bail bond agents and organizations (this latter requirement applies only to a CBO that posts money bail for more than two individuals within a 180-day period). CBOs that do not issue surety bonds need not be licensed by the Department of Commerce (this licensure is normally required under the court rule). Prohibits sheriffs and district court administrators from accepting money bail from a CBO that is not fully compliant with this section. Authorizes the state court administrator to impose administrative sanctions and costs on a CBO that violates this section or related court rule or policy. Requires the administrator to develop a disciplinary process applicable to CBOs.

Prohibits a CBO from depositing money bail for a crime of violence or a crime that would require registration as a predatory offender or for a person who has been previously convicted of a crime of violence or who is required to register as a predatory offender.

Requires sheriffs and district court administrators to collect specified information from a CBO before accepting money bail and classifies this data as public data. CBOs must register with the state court administrator and report specified information. The state court administrator is required to aggregate all this information and report it annually to the Legislature.

**Section 2** requires the state court administrator to create a registration application for CBOs and specifies reporting dates.