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## Pritzker pleased, state Republicans critical of court ruling

In a 5-2 decision, the Illinois Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today (SAFE-T) Act did not violate the Illinois Constitution, overturning a lower court ruling that the law's no-bail provision was unconstitutional.

The court ruling brought praise from Gov. J.B. Pritzker. "I'm pleased that the Illinois Supreme Court has upheld the constitu-



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tionality of the SAFE-T Act and the elimination of cash bail," he said in a written statement. "We can now move forward with historic reform to ensure pre-trial detainment is determined by the danger an individual poses to the community instead of by their ability to pay their way out of jail. "My thanks to Attorney General Raoul's office and the many people who worked tirelessly over the last months to defend these important reforms. I look forward to continuing to work with the General Assembly and our many other partners as we transition to a more equitable and just Illinois."

State Sen. Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet), said "The Democrats have endangered the citizens of Illinois. In fact, their original draft was so terrible it has been through multiple amendments so far. But no amount of amendments will fix the SAFE-T Act, it needs to be repealed."

State Sen. Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City) also offered his thoughts, saying, "I am disappointed in today's ruling of the SAFE-T Act. Eliminating cash bail without providing judges with broad discretion to hold dangerous individuals pre-trial will decrease public safety and make it harder for law enforcement to keep violent criminals off the streets and out of our communities.

"The SAFE-T Act was pushed through in the middle of the night with little-to-no transparency or input from key stakeholders. It is an ill-conceived

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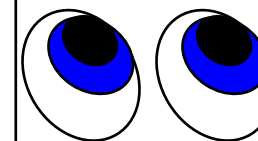


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**Briefly**

**Breast cancer support**  
 Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be July 20. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.  
 For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

**At the library**  
 Hoopeston Public Library would like to remind all participants from their recent Art Show that their work may now be picked up at the library.  
 Thanks for participating!  
**Climb Your Family Tree**, 2 p.m. Thursday. HPL Archivist Marilyn Tyler will help all everyone 10 and older look at the hows and whats of beginning genealogy. The first 16 families attending receive a free family history journal.  
**Register today for the July adult craft.** This month, create a Patriotic Bandana Wreath. All supplies included. Sessions will be held Mondays, July 24 and 31. Each session is limited to 10 people.

Call or stop by to sign up. No online or email signups, please!  
 For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

**HMA activities**  
 Hoopeston Multi Agency is now taking registrations for Hoopeston Area school supply assistance. Please call our office at 217-283-5544 and have the following information ready: Parents name and address, students name, grade, age and shoe size and whether it is an adult, kids or toddler shoe size. We will also ask you for the household size as well as the monthly income. We reserve the

**Ruling continued from other side**  
 rewrite of our state's criminal justice system that puts criminals above law-enforcement and public safety. We have already seen police officers and sheriffs leave to find new careers because of the SAFE-T Act. With the ruling today, I fear it will be harder to find individuals to fill those positions and keep our communities safe.  
 "This is not the outcome we were hoping for today."

The court vote was split along party lines, with Democrat justices Joy Cunningham, P. Scott Neville, Mary Jane Theis, Elizabeth M. Rochford and Mary O'Brien voting to overturn the lower court ruling that stayed the Pre-Trial Fairness Act, which contained the no-bail provision.

Republican Justice David K. Overstreet wrote the dissenting opinion and was joined by fellow Republican, Justice Lisa Holder.

The SAFE-T-Act, enacted in 2021 included a wide range of reforms to the criminal justice system, including policing, pre-trial detention and bail, sentencing and corrections. The pre-trial detention portion is also called the Pretrial Fairness Act.

Measures in the law were proposed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus. The law becomes effective in 60 days, on September 18.

The law was to become effective January 1, but was put on hold after a Kankakee County judge ruled the no-bail requirement violated the state constitution.

**Weather**

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 87. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 61. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 79, low 57.

For real time Hoopeston weather information, go to [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

right to ask for verification on any of the information.  
 Office hours are M-F 9-4. For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

**New member picnic**  
 Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference will host a new member picnic on July 25 at 6 p.m.. All women 18 and older who want to help others in Vermilion County are welcome. For more details, email [hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com](mailto:hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com) or find them on Facebook.

**Classifieds**

**HELP WANTED**

Mustard Seed Christian Daycare is hiring a Director. Candidates need to have a minimum of an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education or 60 semester hours of credit from an accredited college with a minimum of 18 credits in Early Childhood Education or Child Development and 6 hours of management coursework or the equivalent in experience. Starting salary is \$45,000 with consideration of compensation for previous experience. Please email [applicationsmustardseed@gmail.com](mailto:applicationsmustardseed@gmail.com) for more information.

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

**RUMAGE SALES**

HOOPESTON: 407 Dice. Fri. & Sat., 8-3. Longaberger items, books cookbooks, knickknacks, kitchen items, pictures, 2 shelf barrister bookcase, wood end table, variety of elect power tools, nails & screw, misc., tools, electrical & plumbing items, fencing, electric grill, Christmas, VHS/CDs/cassettes, bike. Crocks/all sizes, fishing items/fishing tackle box full of items Some antiques & many other items.

HOOPESTON: 714 Wilson. Thurs, 8-3, Fri. 8-2. Nike men's shirts & pants, M-XL, ladies clothes tops & dresses 16-1x. Brand new home décor by Uttermost, Saxony; Bissell pet vacuum, new 5 gal. shop vac, Christmas décor including 5' Santa.



**SUMMER SNAPS**

**Photo Contest**  
 Sponsored by *Just the Facts*  
 June 20-September 20  
 1 photo selected each week to compete for a \$25 monthly prize.  
**\$100 Grand Prize!**

Open to amateur photographers only. Limit 1 photo/week/person. Decision of the judges is final. By submitting photos, photographer gives Just the Facts all rights to photos. Entries must be less than 2 MB in size. Email photos to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net) and include "photo contest" in subject line, names of subjects in photo (if applicable), location and photographer's real (not screen) name.