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MEDIA ADVISORY

Chief Justice McCormack, Lt. Governor Gilchrist to Lead Jail and Pretrial Task Force Meeting in Detroit

- Who:** Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack, Task Force Co-Chair
Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II, Task Force Co-Chair
[Task Force Members](#)
- What:** Meeting of the [Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration](#)
Open to the public
- When:** Friday, October 18, 2019
Meeting 9:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m., public testimony 1:30-4:00pm
- Where:** Wayne State University Law School
Spencer M. Patrich Auditorium
471 W. Palmer St.
Detroit, MI 48202
- Why:** Following months of data collection and analysis, The Pew Charitable Trusts will present additional findings from their system-wide analysis of Michigan court and jail data. The presentations will also include evaluations of state laws that explain eligibility for discretion and expanding alternatives to jail for arrest, pretrial, sentencing, and community supervision to get a better understanding of how state law impacts county jail populations. The Task Force was created by an Executive Order from Governor Gretchen Whitmer with a directive to examine the factors affecting jail populations and make recommendations that reduce incarceration trends, promote public safety, and safeguard civil rights. The Task Force is comprised of Michigan leaders including judges, legislators, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, county commissioners, and community corrections and victim advocates. *Find more information at www.courts.mi.gov/micjreform.*

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