

July 15, 1997

Honorable Michael S. Baer, III
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 447 BY JORDAN

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 899(C), relative to suspended sentence and probation; to provide with respect to arrest or summons for violation of probation; to provide for bail; and to provide for related matters.

Dear Mr. Baer:

Senate Bill No. 447 generally mandates that a court grant bail to a defendant who is arrested while on probation for a prior offense. Present law leaves the matter to the discretion of the court. Granting a right to bail in this circumstance is undesirable. For this reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 137 to you.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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