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Present law allows the court with trial jurisdiction, on its own motion or on motion of the state or defendant, and upon the showing of good cause, to either increase or reduce the amount of bail.

Proposed law retains this provision of present law, but provides that in cases where the court is considering reduction of the amount of bail, the judge who initially set the bail amount or the chief judge of the court, if the judge who initially set the bail is unavailable, shall be notified of the proposed reduction in bail. Provides that comments and suggestions of these judges shall be taken into account by the trial judge in setting the reduced amount of bail.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 342)