



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### S.B. 143

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens.** Eklund, Hite, Seitz, Patton

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Provides a prosecutor an additional 14 days to begin a trial after a person charged with a felony has been discharged because the person has not been brought to trial within the required amount of time.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Timely trial for a charged felon

The bill grants a prosecutor 14 additional days to begin a trial after a charged felon has been discharged because the person has not had a timely trial. Under the bill, when a charged felon is not brought to trial within 270 days after the person's arrest, the court must dismiss the charges unless a trial on those charges is begun within 14 days after the discharge or finding. Additionally, a trial may begin at any time after the 14-day period at the accused's request or because of the accused's fault or misconduct. "Discharged" means that the accused is released from any detention in connection with the pending charges.<sup>1</sup>

Current law requires a person against whom a felony charge is pending to be brought to trial within 270 days after the person's arrest.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced

04-14-15

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 2945.73(B), (D), and (E).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 2945.71(C)(2).