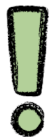


# SUPPORT SB1886: FAIR PROBATION DRUG TESTING

Sponsor: Sen. Robert Peters

- » Eliminates drug testing fees.
- » Limits testing for alcohol and cannabis to appropriate cases.
- » Ensures that doctors—not courts—make treatment decisions for people on probation.

## Blanket drug testing doesn't help people on probation succeed.



An [ICJIA study](#) found that two-thirds of Illinois probation departments drug test most or all of their participants, and tests cost on average \$8 per test, plus costs for transportation and time off work. This makes it harder for people to succeed.

## SB 1886 will promote safety and equity with sensible adjustments to when people on probation can be tested for alcohol and cannabis.

### **Eliminates fees for drug testing for people on probation, conditional discharge, or supervision.**

Drug testing fees do not set people up for success and prey on an impoverished population. Nationally, most people on probation make less than \$20,000 per year.

### **Requires a connection between the crime committed and the drug and alcohol testing conditions imposed.**

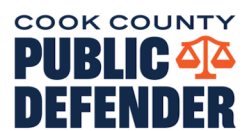
Judges should make individualized decisions about testing for cannabis and alcohol in relation to the crime of conviction, rather than imposing drug testing for legal substances in every case.

### **Ensures that people on probation are not denied access to medication prescribed by doctors.**

People on probation deserve access to gold-standard medical care like medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder and medical cannabis. SB1886 will ensure people on probation are not prohibited from using these prescription medications.

## SB 1886 does NOT prohibit testing for ILLEGAL substances.

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