

10% Cash Bail Option for Bonds of \$20,000 or Less

The Connecticut Judicial Branch has revised the rules regarding the bond process.

As of January 1, 2020, a ten percent cash option is automatically available for any bond set for \$20,000 or less.

This provision applies to bonds set at court as well as at police departments.

There are some exceptions to the new rule:

- A judge can order that the 10% cash option **does not apply**.
- A judge can also order that, in certain cases, the 10% option **does apply**.
- If a bond previously posted is increased (or decreased), and the new total amount of the bond is \$20,000 or less, the 10% cash option **does apply**.
- If the total amount of the bond is increased to more than \$20,000, the 10% cash option **does not apply**.