

# New Illinois Law Gives Cops Choice Not To Jail People for Small Amounts of Drugs

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The change follows a Better Government Association/Chicago Sun-Times investigation last year that documented the impact of ‘dead end’ drug arrests in which people are briefly locked up, only to see the charges soon dismissed.

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## The Costly Toll of Dead-End Drug

# Arrests

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In Chicago, thousands of drug possession arrests are tossed out every year because of an unwritten rule in the courts, a Better Government Association/Chicago Sun-Times investigation has found. The cost to taxpayers? Millions. To those arrested? Jobs, housing, freedom.

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## **Oregon Is First State to Ticket Narcotics Users, but New Reform Has Yet To Live Up To Promise**

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In Illinois, possession of even trace amounts of heroin residue is a felony. But in Oregon, it's not a crime at all any more. Instead, people caught with drugs get a ticket. Oregon's new drug reform is keeping users out of jail — but the goal of getting them help for their addictions has been elusive.

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## **Kim Foxx's Ex-Trainer Caught Up in 'Unending Cycle' of Drug Arrests**

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Drug issue hits every corner of Cook County. 'It breaks my heart,' the state's attorney says.

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