



HOUSE BILL 224: AOC Omnibus Changes.-AB

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 224 would amend various laws related to the Administrative Office of the Courts.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S270, as introduced by Sen. Randleman, which is currently in Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1. State statute specifies certain numbers of copies of the appellate division reports to be distributed to certain State agencies and other organizations. The bill would allow those agencies and organizations to opt for no hard copies, or fewer hard copies.

Section 2. The bill would authorize the clerk of superior court to transfer no-longer needed acts of the General Assembly or the appellate division reports to State Surplus.

Section 3. The bill would require all clerks of the superior court to report the names of persons granted a dismissal upon completion of a conditional discharge to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Effective December 1, 2015.

Section 4. Makes a conforming change.

Section 5. The bill clarifies that Community Corrections may supervise the probation of any conditional discharge or deferred prosecution.

Section 6. Eliminates a duplicate report.

Section 7. Eliminates the required reporting by the clerks of superior court to the Secretary of Revenue regarding attorneys engaged in the practice of law.

Section 8. Eliminates the report to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety regarding the receipts and expenditures of the Appellate Courts Printing and Computer Operations Fund.

Section 9. Provides that the Officer of State Budget and Management has the duty to calculate the limitation on damages for non-economic losses in medical malpractice actions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as noted, the bill becomes effective July 1, 2015.

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