

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 21, 2023
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB23-1108 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend Senate Judiciary Committee Report, dated April 17, 2023, page
2 5, line 23, after "CONFLICT." add "THE WORKING GROUP MUST ALSO
3 CONSIDER THE DATA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (13)(c) OF THIS SECTION."

4 Page 5, after line 23, insert:

5 "(c) THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL
6 PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DATA TO THE WORKING GROUP AS SOON AS
7 PRACTICABLE BUT NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2023:

8 (I) THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN EACH JUDICIAL
9 DISTRICT AND THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES AS A
10 PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES IN EACH DISTRICT;

11 (II) THE NUMBER OF CASES IN EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH
12 A PARTY SEEKS TO REOPEN A CLOSED DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE; AND

13 (III) THE STATUS OF REPRESENTATION FOR PARTIES IN DOMESTIC
14 RELATIONS CASES IN EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, INCLUDING:

15 (A) THE NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH BOTH PARTIES WERE
16 REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CASE AND THE
17 NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH ONLY ONE PARTY WAS REPRESENTED BY
18 COUNSEL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CASE;

19 (B) THE NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH THERE WAS A SUBSEQUENT
20 ENTRY OF APPEARANCE BY COUNSEL IN A CASE IN WHICH ONE OR BOTH
21 PARTIES PROCEEDED WITHOUT REPRESENTATION BY COUNSEL AT THE
22 COMMENCEMENT OF THE CASE;

23 (C) THE NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH THERE WAS A WITHDRAWAL
24 BY COUNSEL; AND

25 (D) THE NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH AN ATTORNEY WAS NOT
26 COUNSEL OF RECORD BUT PROVIDED SERVICES TO A PARTY TO THE CASE."

- 1 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 2 Page 6, line 16, strike "department." and substitute "department for use
- 3 by courts administration."
- 4 Page 6, line 18, strike "DCJ administrative services." and substitute
- 5 "general courts administration."

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