

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

March 21, 2023  
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

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

HB23-1159 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 5, strike "EVALUATE" and substitute  
2 "CONDUCT AN OVERVIEW EXAMINATION OF".

3 Page 3, line 7, after "ASSEMBLY" insert "FOR AREAS REQUIRING TARGETED  
4 EXAMINATION AND".

5 Page 4, strike line 9 and substitute "ASSOCIATION. ONE OF THE  
6 ATTORNEYS MUST PRACTICE LAW IN A RURAL AREA OF THE STATE AND THE  
7 OTHER MUST PRACTICE LAW IN AN URBAN AREA OF THE STATE."

8 Page 5, strike lines 13 through 15 and substitute:

9           "(4) THE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION  
10 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(X) OF THIS SECTION IS THE  
11 CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SENATOR MEMBER OF THE  
12 COMMISSION APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IX) OF THIS  
13 SECTION IS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION."

14 Page 6, line 1, after "(c)" insert "(I)".

15 Page 6, line 4, strike "USE AND SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION" and  
16 substitute "USE."

17           (II) UPON REQUEST AND DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, THE  
18 DEPARTMENT SHALL RETRIEVE, REDACT, AND PROVIDE TO THE  
19 COMMISSION ALL CASE DOCUMENTS FOR A SAMPLING OF UP TO TWO  
20 THOUSAND CASES FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.  
21 IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, UPON REQUEST, PROVIDE THE  
22 COMMISSION WITH ANY OTHER RELEVANT REQUESTED DATA FROM THE

- 1 DEPARTMENT'S CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE  
2 PROTECTED DISAGGREGATE INFORMATION.  
3 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT IN THIS SUBSECTION  
4 (5)(c), THE".
- 5 Page 6, strike lines 5 and 6.
- 6 Page 6, line 9, strike "**study.**" and substitute "**study - legislative intent.**".
- 7 Page 6, line 17, strike "DUTIES." and substitute "DUTIES; EXCEPT THAT THE  
8 COMMISSION SHALL NOT MEET MORE THAN TWELVE TIMES."
- 9 Page 6, line 22, strike "IN-PERSON MEETINGS" substitute "UP TO FOUR  
10 IN-PERSON MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING".
- 11 Page 6, line 24, strike "STUDY" and substitute "CONDUCT AN OVERVIEW  
12 EXAMINATION OF".
- 13 Page 6, line 27, strike "STUDY" and substitute "OVERVIEW EXAMINATION".
- 14 Page 8, after line 5 insert:  
15 "(3) IT IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT THE  
16 COMMISSION CONDUCT A GENERAL OVERVIEW EXAMINATION OF THE  
17 SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IN ORDER TO  
18 IDENTIFY AREAS OF FAMILY COURT ADMINISTRATION THAT WARRANT  
19 FURTHER, MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION AND ANALYSIS, AND  
20 RECOMMEND INITIAL CHANGES TO FAMILY COURTS TO BETTER SERVE  
21 PARTICIPANTS IN FAMILY COURT CASES. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES  
22 NOT INTEND THAT THE COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT A DETAILED  
23 EXAMINATION AND ANALYSIS OF FAMILY COURT ADMINISTRATION."
- 24 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.
- 25 Page 8, line 8, strike "IN ADDITION TO" and substitute "THE COMMISSION  
26 SHALL ALSO ACCEPT AND CONSIDER WRITTEN TESTIMONY, REPORTS, AND  
27 RESEARCH FROM INDIVIDUALS AND PRIVATE ENTITIES."
- 28 Page 8, strike lines 9 through 11.

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