

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT
Committee on Judiciary.

HB23-1182 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, before line 6 insert:
 - 2 "(b) WHEN ALLOWING REMOTE OBSERVATION, COURTS SHALL TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE NO AUDIO OR VISUAL TRANSMISSION OF PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OCCURS. COURTS SHALL NOTIFY PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS OF THE LOCATION OF MICROPHONES AND ANY ABILITY TO MUTE MICROPHONES. IF THE COURT BECOMES AWARE THAT SUCH TRANSMISSIONS OCCURRED, THE COURT SHALL WORK WITH THE PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS TO PREVENT REOCCURRENCE.
 - 9 (c) IF A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A SEQUESTRATION ORDER IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REMOTE OBSERVATION, THE COURT SHALL TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SEQUESTRATION ORDER AND ENSURE THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL, WHICH MAY INCLUDE ANNOUNCING THE SEQUESTRATION ORDER AS FREQUENTLY AS NECESSARY IN OPEN COURT, REQUIRING OBSERVERS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES TO ENSURE NONE ARE POTENTIAL WITNESSES AND THAT ANY OBSERVERS WHO ARE FORBIDDEN FROM DISCUSSING THE CASE WITH WITNESSES KNOW OF THAT OBLIGATION, AND TERMINATING REMOTE OBSERVATION TO PROTECT THE PARTIES' RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL OR TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SEQUESTRATION ORDER.".
- 20 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

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