



# HOUSE BILL 224: Administrative Office of the Courts-Omnibus Changes

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**Committee:**

**Introduced by:**

**Analysis of:** S.L. 2015-40

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**SUMMARY:** *S.L. 2015-40 amends laws related to the Administrative Office of the Courts as follows: (i) allows State agencies and other organizations to opt for no hard copies or fewer hard copies of the appellate reports; (ii) authorizes the clerk of superior court to transfer no longer needed acts of the General Assembly or the appellate reports to State Surplus; (iii) requires all clerks of 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); (iv) clarifies that Community Corrections may supervise the probation of any conditional discharge or deferred prosecution; (v) eliminates various reports; and (vi) provides that the Office of State Budget and Management has the duty to calculate the limitation on damages for non-economic losses in medical malpractice actions.*

*Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective July 1, 2015.*

## 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 act allows those agencies and organizations to opt for no hard copies, or fewer hard copies.

**Section 2.** The act authorizes 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 act requires 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 act 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 Office of State Budget and Management has the duty to calculate the limitation on damages for non-economic losses in medical malpractice actions.

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