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SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 18B.3: Third-Party Access to Court Records Annual Report

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Analysis of:	Sec. 18B.3 of S.L. 2017-57		

OVERVIEW: Section 18B.3 of S.L. 2017-57 requires the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to report to the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on any contracts entered into by the Director with third parties to provide the public with remote electronic access to court records by no later than February 1 of the year following any calendar year in which such contracts were in effect.

This section became effective on June 28, 2017.

CURRENT LAW: The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts is authorized to enter into contracts with third parties to provide remote electronic access to court records under reasonable cost recovery terms. Prior to enactment of Section 18B.3, the Director was required to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations on any such contracts by no later than February 1 of the year following any calendar year in which such contracts were in effect.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 18B.3 changes the recipient of the AOC Director's report on third party contracts from the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective on June 28, 2017.

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