OVERVIEW: Sec. 24.4 of S.L. 2017-57 creates the Joint Select Study Committee on Judicial Funding, consisting of five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a member of the Senate, and five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom must be a member of the House. The Committee is to study the effects of enacting the first editions of Senate Bills 635 (appropriating funds to provide judicial assistants to all district and superior court judges) and 636 (increasing judicial salaries by twenty percent) of the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly, or substantially similar legislation, and other issues the Committee deems relevant regarding State funding provided to the judicial branch.

The Committee must submit a final report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly on or before March 1, 2018. The Committee terminates on March 1, 2018, or upon the filing of the final report, whichever occurs first.

This section became effective June 28, 2017.