



HOUSE BILL 925: Med Mal/Jury Instruction/Judicial Assignments.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 3, 2019
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Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H925-CSSA-33		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 925 would allow juries to receive written instructions from the judge in medical malpractice suits and encourage each senior resident superior court judge to designate a specific superior court judge to hear all aspects of a medical malpractice case.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would require the court to reduce the oral instructions given the jury to writing in medical malpractice cases and encourage the court to provide a written copy of the oral instructions for the jury to take into the jury room during deliberation.

Section 2 of the bill would encourage the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts and the parties to the case, to designate a specific resident judge or a specific judge assigned to hold court in the District to preside over all proceedings in a medical malpractice case.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2019. Section 1 would apply to actions filed on or after that date.

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