

HOUSE BILL 109: Create Pretrial Release Study Committee.

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House

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 109 would create a Joint Legislative Study Committee on Uniform Pretrial Release Procedures, which must make its final report by December 1, 2022.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 109 would create a Joint Legislative Study Committee on Uniform Pretrial Release Procedures (Committee). The Committee may study and develop recommendations related to pretrial release procedures, including uniform statewide standards and procedures related to the following:

- Pretrial release programs generally.
- Criminal defendants who have failed to appear in court or failed to pay an ordered judgement.
- Criminal defendants who face no possibility of jail time.
- House arrest and electronic monitoring funded entirely by the State.

The Committee would consist of 23 members, and include members appointed by the Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Governor.

The Committee must submit its final report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee by December 1, 2022. The Committee also has an option to submit an interim report by April 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

