



HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 16.2: Magistrate-Clerk Staffing Program

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Analysis of:	Sec. 16.2 of S.L. 2023-134		

OVERVIEW: *Section 16.2 of S.L. 2023-134 allows the clerk of superior court in a county, with written or emailed consent of the chief district court judge, to hire one deputy or assistant clerk in lieu of one of the magistrate positions allocated to that county. The clerk of superior court's office must provide some of the services traditionally provided by the magistrates' office during some or all of the regular courthouse hours. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) must report by March 1 of each year to the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the following topics: 1) all deputy or assistant clerk positions previously filled pursuant to this subsection if the position remains filled pursuant to this subsection; and 2) new deputy or assistant clerk positions filled pursuant to this subsection.*

This section became effective July 1, 2023.

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