



# HOUSE BILL 953: Study Committee on ADA/APD/PAC Pay.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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| <b>Committee:</b>     | House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | <b>Date:</b>        | May 6, 2025    |
| <b>Introduced by:</b> | Reps. Budd, Carson Smith, T. Brown                 | <b>Prepared by:</b> | Susan Sitze    |
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 953 would establish a study committee on assistant district attorney, assistant public defender, and private assigned counsel pay rates.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

House Bill 953 would establish a 12-member study committee to study the pay rates for assistant district attorneys, assistant public defenders, and private assigned counsel.

The committee would be directed to study the current rates throughout the State, in general, and also by 3 cost of living categories of urban, suburban, and rural, as well as look at other states' pay and pay structures, the model used by the US Attorneys Offices and the Armed Services, and consider factors that might positively or negatively affect attorney regarding the choice to serve as an assistant district attorney, assistant public defender, or private assigned counsel.

The committee would be required to file an interim report by March 1, 2026, and a final report by March 1, 2027. The reports would be filed with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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