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S 0419 General Bill, By Turner

Summary: Transparency in Private Attorney Contracts Act

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SOLICITORS, TO ENACT THE "TRANSPARENCY IN PRIVATE ATTORNEY CONTRACTS ACT," BY ADDING ARTICLE 2, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE MAY NOT ENTER INTO CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACTS WITHOUT A WRITTEN DETERMINATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; TO SET THE MAXIMUM FOR CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACTS; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT; TO PROVIDE THAT, BY FEBRUARY FIRST OF EACH YEAR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE GOVERNOR DESCRIBING THE USE OF CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEYS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THAT REPORT

02/15/17 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 3)

02/15/17 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 3)