Amendment: D20

Representative(s) LOWE proposes the following amendment:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

New:

<u>117.err.</u> (GP: Employee Retention and Recruitment) For Fiscal Year 2023-24, funds will be appropriated to the Prosecution Coordination Commission and to the Commission on Indigent Defense for 'Assistant Solicitor Personnel and Retention' and 'Assistant Public Defender Personnel and Retention'.

Prior to funds being disbursed, all Prosecution and Indigent Defense circuits shall provide to the Prosecution Coordination Commission Director and the Commission on Indigent Defense Director, respectively, by year, a report listing current backlogged cases. Starting with the year of the oldest case, each circuit shall also report how many cases that were closed within that year, and each after that. Each circuit shall also submit on a quarterly basis an updated report on the current number of backlogged cases.

<u>The Prosecution Coordination Commission and Commission on Indigent Defense shall</u> report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and <u>Means Committee, and the Governor's Office, by July 15, 2023, detailing the manner in which the</u> funds will be distributed among the circuits, steps taken to retain current employees, the number of new FTEs that will be hired, and information obtained from circuits how these measures will go towards reducing the case backlog.

<u>After the initial report is submitted, the Prosecution Coordination Commission and the</u> <u>Commission on Indigent Defense shall provide quarterly progress updates.</u>