

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2676
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Judicial Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the attorney general is required to submit a biennial report to the governor that includes the following information: (1) a statement of the number of indictments found by grand juries in the state and the offenses charged; (2) a statement of the number of trials, convictions, and acquittals for each offense; (3) a statement of the number of dismissals; (4) a summary of the judgments rendered on conviction, the nature and amount of penalties imposed, and the amount of fines collected; (5) a summary of the cases in which the state was a party that were acted on by the supreme court and court of criminal appeals; and (6) a summary of civil cases in which the state was a party that were prosecuted or defended by the attorney general in other state or federal courts.

Most of this information, however, is collected by the Office of Court Administration rather than the attorney general's office. C.S.H.B. 2676 deletes items 1-4 above from the list of items that the attorney general must include in the biennial report.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2676 amends the Government Code to delete the following from the information that the attorney general's biennial report to the governor must include: (1) a statement of the number of indictments found by grand juries in the state and the offenses charged; (2) a statement of the number of trials, convictions, and acquittals for each offense; (3) a statement of the number of dismissals; (4) a summary of the judgments rendered on conviction, the nature and amount of penalties imposed, and the amount of fines collected.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute narrows the caption to refer to the "reporting duties" of the attorney general, rather than the "duties" of the attorney general.