

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Criminal Jurisprudence
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 14, 2022
PLACE: E2.010
CHAIR: Rep. Nicole Collier

The committee will meet in a public hearing and hear invited testimony only on the following interim charge:

Study the accessibility to counsel in cases involving an indigent defendant and make recommendations to improve access to counsel in these cases. Evaluate methods to improve the effectiveness of court-appointed counsel, caseload processing, caseload distribution, and the state's compliance with applicable appointment of counsel requirements.

Electronic public comment will be available for:

- *Accessibility to counsel in cases involving an indigent defendant;
- *Evaluate method to improve effectiveness of court-appointed counsel;
- *Evaluate method to improve effectiveness of caseload processing;
- *Evaluate method to improve effectiveness of caseload distribution;
- *Evaluate state compliance with appointment of counsel requirements.

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration can be found here:

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