

MEMO

TO: Representative Grad, Chair, Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Brian J. Grearson, Chief Superior Judge

DATE: March 28, 2019

SUBJECT: S. 169 comments

Dear Chair Grad,

Thank you for the opportunity of offering comments on those portions of S.169 that have a direct impact on the Judiciary.

My comments relating to S.169 as passed by the Senate are more in the nature of form not substance. Specifically, Sec. 5 calls for the addition of T. 13 sec. 4062 that requires a report from the Court Administrator prepared with the assistance of the Agency of Human Resources. However, in reviewing the subject matter of the reports on page 5 of the bill, the judiciary can provide the data called for pursuant to paragraph (b) (1) ,(2), and (3) but does not have access to the data/information requested in paragraph (c). We understand that the Agency of Human Services can provide the latter data and for that reason the Judiciary would respectfully suggest the CAO and Agency of Human Services provide separate reports with the data collected from their individual systems.

We do not anticipate any fiscal impact on the judiciary by providing the information requested nor other aspects of this bill.

I am submitting these comments in lieu of my testimony but if the committee has further questions, I can be available at their request.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Grearson
Chief Superior Judge