

HB 1651 -- Court Procedures

Sponsor: Goodman

This bill makes changes to the laws regarding court procedures. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Clarifies that juvenile officers must provide a risk and needs assessment report to the juvenile court;
- (2) Requires that qualified interpreters or translators be appointed in all legal proceedings in which a non-English speaking person is a party or witness. The interpreter or translator cannot be compelled to testify as to information that would be protected by the attorney-client privilege. A reasonable fee for the interpreters or translators will be allowed in civil, juvenile, and criminal proceedings;
- (3) Allows moneys from the law library fund to be used for courtroom renovation and technology enhancement in counties not on the nonpartisan court plan; and
- (4) Deletes the requirement that the summons in a landlord-tenant action be sent to the defendant by certified mail.