

**HB 3224 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires District Attorney in each county to develop and formally adopt written office policies concerning specified subject areas no later than December 1, 2020 and make the policies available to the public on their website. Requires DA to review and revise policies as necessary every five years thereafter.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 3224 increases transparency in District Attorney offices and minimizes the wide variation county-to-county relating to the establishment of charging policies and procedures. It requires all DAs to develop and maintain written policies about the core functions of their office, and it requires that those policies be posted on DAs' websites.