

## HB 3224 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate 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 to make the policies available to the public on their website. Requires District Attorney to review and revise policies as necessary every five years thereafter.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-2 Makes technical changes. Specifies alternative resolution programs for which DAs must develop and publish eligibility policies. Removes requirement that DAs create and publish policies relating to the creation of new agreements with law enforcement agencies regarding data retention and sharing. Removes requirement to create policies relating to qualification standards for prosecutors by case type.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

Currently, there is no requirement that District Attorneys (DA) establish, maintain, or make public any formal or informal policies within their offices relating to prosecutorial decision making. Currently, there is wide variation county-to-county relating to charging policies or procedures and their availability to the public.

House Bill 3224 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 the DA's website.