

1st Sub. S.B. 233
Judicial Performance Evaluation Amendments

Senate Amendments

Amendment 1

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Senator **Brady Brammer** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Line 934 through 952:*

- 934 numerical scale, [~~the commission shall establish the certification standard for all~~
935 ~~questions that do not use the numerical scale to be substantially equivalent]~~a
936 substantial equivalent to the standard required under Subsection [(1)(b)(i)](2)(b)(i).
937 (3) (a) In addition to Subsection (2), the commission shall establish certification standards for a
938 judge of the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals that address timely management of the
939 judge's caseload, including:
940 {~~(a)~~} (i) for a justice of the Supreme Court, a certification standard that requires the justice to
941 have distributed to other members of the Supreme Court:
942 {~~(i)~~} (A) no more than 25% of opinions more than 150 days after submission;
943 {~~(ii)~~} (B) no more than 10% of opinions more than 210 days after submission; and
944 {~~(iii)~~} (C) 100% of all opinions within one year after submission; and
945 {~~(b)~~} (ii) for a judge of the Court of Appeals, a certification standard that requires the judge to
946 have distributed to other members of a Court of Appeals' panel:
947 {~~(i)~~} (A) no more than 25% of opinions more than 120 days after submission;
948 {~~(ii)~~} (B) no more than 10% of opinions more than 180 days after submission; and
949 {~~(iii)~~} (C) 100% of all opinions within 270 days after submission.
(b) This Subsection (3) only applies to a submission on or after May 6, 2026.
950 [(2)](4) The commission may establish an additional certification standard if the
951 commission by at least two-thirds vote:
952 (a) determines that satisfaction of the standard is necessary to the satisfactory