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SENATE BILL *258-FN*

AN ACT   changing the timing of determination of weighted case units for the purpose of calculating the judicial branch budget request and judicial salaries.

SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6; Rep. Hagan, Rock 4

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the timing of determination of weighted case units for the purpose of calculating the judicial branch operating budget request and judicial salaries.

This bill was requested by the judicial branch.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics.*
Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT   changing the timing of determination of weighted case units for the purpose of calculating the judicial branch budget request and judicial salaries.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1   109:1 District Court Justices; Salaries. Amend RSA 491-A:3, I to read as follows:

2   I. For purposes of calculating the annual salaries of part-time district court justices

3   appointed after July 1, 1987, the supreme court shall establish and revise as needed a weighted case

4   value, relating the judicial time required for each type of case included in the court's jurisdiction,

5   which when multiplied by the caseload of each court will produce the number of weighted case units

6   for that court. Any revisions to the weighted case values shall be approved by the legislature. The

7   number of weighted case units shall be calculated by the administrative office of the courts in

8   [October] *July* of each year, using caseload statistics for the preceding 12-month period. Said

9   weighted case units shall serve as the basis for determining the salary of part-time justices for the

10   next calendar year.

11   109:2 Judicial Branch Budget Request. Amend RSA 490-F:11 to read as follows:

12   490-F:11 Judicial Branch Budget Request. For the purpose of calculating the biennial budget

13   request and judicial salaries as well as the number of judicial positions required in the circuit court,

14   the supreme court shall establish and revise as needed a weighted case value, relating the judicial

15   time required for each type of case included in the court's jurisdiction, which when multiplied by the

16   caseload of each court will produce the number of weighted case units for that court. Any revisions

17   to the weighted case values shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. The

18   number of weighted case units shall be calculated by the administrative office of the courts in

19   [October] *July* of each year, using caseload statistics for the preceding 12-month period. Said

20   weighted case units shall serve as the basis for determining the salary of part-time judges for the

21   next calendar year.

22   109:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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24   Approved: June 5, 2015

25   Effective Date: June 5, 2015