

Comment Report

HSB 78

A bill for an act relating to court reporters, including the reporting of adoption hearings and uncertified shorthand reporter appointments.(See HF 433.)

Subcommittee Members: Osmundson-CH, Kaufmann, Wilburn

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Comment: See attached for bill memo that was submitted with the prefile.

MEMORANDUM

To: Iowa Legislature

From: Iowa Judicial Branch

Re: Court Reporter Bill

Date: 11/30/2020

1. Court Reporter Certification

This bill would authorize a judge to appoint a competent, uncertified court reporter for a period of up to one year if a vacancy occurs and the chief judge verifies that a diligent, but unsuccessful, search has been conducted to appoint a certified court reporter to the position. Currently, the length of time an uncertified court reporter may serve under these circumstances is six months.

2. Adoption Proceedings

This bill would authorize electronic recording for adoption proceedings.