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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE
AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 That the following shall be the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of
- 2 Representatives for the regular sessions of the General Assembly and
- 3 for interim periods during the 2025-2026 legislative term.

4 MESSAGES BETWEEN CHAMBERS

- 5 1. Messages from one chamber to the other shall be delivered to the
- 6 presiding officer.

7 JOINT CONVENTIONS

- 8 2. Joint conventions shall be held in the Hall of the House. Either
- 9 chamber may request a convention stating the purposes thereof in its
- 10 message. The President of the Senate shall preside. The President and

11 the Speaker shall make reports to their respective chambers of the
12 proceedings of the convention which shall be printed in the respective
13 journals.

14 JOINT COMMITTEES

15 3. (a) *Designation of Committees.* There shall be twenty-three joint
16 standing committees as provided in subsection (b) of this rule. There
17 shall be two statutory committees as provided in subsection (c) of this
18 rule. There shall be one select committee as provided in subsection (d)
19 of this rule. Joint standing committees, statutory committees and the
20 select committee shall consider all matters referred to them and report
21 as required by these rules.

22 (b) *Joint Standing Committees.* Each joint standing committee shall
23 consist of not more than nine senators and not more than thirty-five
24 representatives, except that the joint standing committees on
25 Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding shall consist of not
26 more than fourteen senators and not more than forty-five
27 representatives, the joint standing committee on Judiciary shall consist
28 of not more than thirteen senators and not more than thirty-five
29 representatives, the joint standing committee on Public Health shall
30 consist of not more than eleven senators and not more than thirty-five
31 representatives, and the joint standing committee on Education shall
32 consist of not more than nine senators and not more than thirty-six
33 representatives. The joint standing committees shall be divided into
34 Group A and Group B as follows:

35 GROUP A

36 (1) A committee on APPROPRIATIONS that shall have cognizance of
37 all matters relating to appropriations and the operating budgets and all
38 matters relating to state employees' salaries, benefits and retirement,
39 teachers' retirement, veterans' pensions and collective bargaining
40 agreements and arbitration awards for state employees. In addition, any
41 bills or resolutions carrying or requiring appropriations, or creating or

42 enlarging a state mandate to local governments, defined in subsection
43 (a)(2) of section 2-32b of the general statutes, and favorably reported by
44 any other committee, except the payment of claims by the state, shall be
45 referred to the committee, unless such reference is dispensed with by at
46 least a two-thirds vote of each chamber, provided the committee's
47 consideration shall be limited to their fiscal aspects and appropriation
48 provisions of such bills or resolutions and shall not extend to their other
49 substantive provisions or purpose, except to the extent that such other
50 provisions or purpose relate to the fiscal aspects and appropriation
51 provisions of such bills or resolutions.

52 (2) A committee on EDUCATION that shall have cognizance of all
53 matters relating to (A) the Department of Education, the Office of Early
54 Childhood and the Technical Education and Career System, and (B)
55 school building projects, local and regional boards of education, the
56 substantive law of collective bargaining covering teachers and
57 professional employees of such boards, vocational rehabilitation, and
58 libraries, including the State Library, museums and historical and
59 cultural associations.

60 (3) A committee on ENVIRONMENT that shall have cognizance of
61 all matters relating to (A) the Department of Energy and Environmental
62 Protection concerning the preservation and protection of the air, water
63 and other natural resources of the state and the Department of
64 Agriculture, including farming, dairy products and domestic animals,
65 and (B) conservation, recreation, pollution control, fisheries and game,
66 state parks and forests, water resources and flood and erosion control,
67 and the preservation and protection of the air, water and other natural
68 resources of the state.

69 (4) A committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING that shall
70 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Department of
71 Revenue Services, and (B) finance, revenue, capital bonding and
72 taxation. Any bill or resolution favorably reported by another
73 committee relating to finance, revenue, capital bonding, taxation,

74 employer contributions for unemployment compensation purposes, all
75 matters relating to the Department of Revenue Services and the revenue
76 aspects of the Gaming Division within the Department of Consumer
77 Protection shall be referred to the committee, provided the committee's
78 consideration shall be limited to the financial provisions and purposes
79 of such bill or resolution, such as finance, revenue, bonding, taxation
80 and fees, and shall not extend to the other substantive provisions or
81 purposes, except to the extent that such other provisions or purposes
82 relate to the financial provisions of such bills or resolutions.

83 (5) A committee on GENERAL LAW that shall have cognizance of all
84 matters relating to (A) the Department of Consumer Protection, and (B)
85 (i) alcoholic beverages, (ii) fair trade and sales practices, (iii) consumer
86 protection, (iv) mobile homes, (v) occupational licensing, except
87 licensing by the Department of Public Health, and (vi) legalized
88 gambling.

89 (6) A committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND
90 ELECTIONS that shall have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) (i)
91 the Department of Administrative Services, including purchasing and
92 central collections, but excluding personnel and labor relations, fire
93 marshals, the fire safety code, the state building code and school
94 building projects, (ii) the administrative functions of the Office of
95 Governmental Accountability, including the office's personnel and
96 employment policies and information technology, and (iii) the Freedom
97 of Information Commission, the Office of State Ethics, the Citizen's
98 Ethics Advisory Board and the State Elections Enforcement
99 Commission, (B) state government organization and reorganization,
100 structures and procedures, (C) leasing, construction, maintenance,
101 purchase and sale, transfer or other disposition of state facilities or state
102 property, other than real property or an interest in real property, (D)
103 state and federal relations, (E) interstate compacts, (F) compacts
104 between the state and Indian tribes, (G) constitutional amendments, and
105 (H) all matters relating to elections and election laws. Any resolution
106 favorably reported by another committee that proposes a constitutional

107 amendment shall be referred to the committee on Government
108 Administration and Elections.

109 (7) A committee on JUDICIARY that shall have cognizance of all
110 matters relating to (A) the Judicial Department, the Department of
111 Correction and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities,
112 (B) courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate matters, probation,
113 parole, wills, estates, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy, escheat, law
114 libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, preservation of land records
115 and other public documents, the law of business organizations, uniform
116 laws, validations, authorizations to sue and to appeal, claims against the
117 state, (C) (i) all (I) judicial nominations, (II) nominations of
118 administrative law judges for the workers' compensation system, and
119 (III) nominations of members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and
120 (ii) any nomination of a Claims Commissioner, and (D) all bills carrying
121 civil penalties that exceed the sum of, or that may exceed in the
122 aggregate, five thousand dollars. Any bill favorably reported by another
123 committee that carries a criminal penalty, other than an infraction, shall
124 be referred to the committee, provided the committee's consideration
125 shall be limited to the criminal penalties established in such bill and
126 shall not extend to the other substantive provisions or purposes of such
127 bill.

128 (8) A committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT that shall
129 have cognizance of all matters relating to local governments, housing,
130 urban renewal, fire, sewer and metropolitan districts, home rule,
131 planning and zoning, regional planning and development activities, the
132 state plan of conservation and development and economic development
133 programs impacting local governments.

134 (9) A committee on PUBLIC HEALTH that shall have cognizance of
135 all matters relating to (A) the Department of Public Health, the
136 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the
137 Department of Developmental Services, and (B) health, including
138 emergency medical services, all licensing boards within the Department

139 of Public Health, nursing homes, pure foods and drugs, and controlled
140 substances, including the treatment of substance abuse.

141 (10) A committee on TRANSPORTATION that shall have cognizance
142 of all matters relating to (A) the Department of Transportation, the
143 Office of the State Traffic Administration and the Department of Motor
144 Vehicles, and (B) transportation, including highways and bridges,
145 navigation, aeronautics, mass transit and railroads.

146 **GROUP B**

147 (11) A committee on BANKING that shall have cognizance of all
148 matters relating to (A) the Department of Banking, and (B) banks,
149 savings banks, bank and trust companies, savings and loan associations,
150 credit unions, the supervision of the sale of securities, fraternal benefit
151 societies and secured and unsecured lending.

152 (12) A committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY that shall have
153 cognizance of all matters relating to (A) (i) the Public Utilities
154 Regulatory Authority, and (ii) the Department of Energy and
155 Environmental Protection concerning energy, energy policy planning
156 and regulation, telecommunications, information systems and related
157 technology, and (B) energy, energy policy planning and regulation,
158 telecommunications, information systems and related technology.

159 (13) A committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE that shall
160 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Insurance Department,
161 and (B) insurance law and real estate law.

162 (14) A committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES that shall
163 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Labor Department, (B)
164 workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, conditions of
165 employment, hours of labor, minimum wages, industrial safety,
166 occupational health and safety, labor unions and labor disputes, and (C)
167 conditions of employment of state and municipal employees and the
168 substantive law of state and municipal employees' collective bargaining.

169 (15) A committee on HUMAN SERVICES that shall have cognizance
170 of all matters relating to the Department of Social Services, including
171 institutions under its jurisdiction, and the Department of Aging and
172 Disability Services.

173 (16) A committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY that shall
174 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Department of
175 Emergency Services and Public Protection, and (B) civil preparedness
176 and homeland security, state police, the state-wide organized crime
177 investigative task force, municipal police training, fire marshals, the fire
178 safety code and the state building code.

179 (17) A committee on COMMERCE that shall have cognizance of all
180 matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community
181 Development and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

182 (18) A committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
183 ADVANCEMENT that shall have cognizance of all matters relating to
184 (A) the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Office of Higher
185 Education, and (B) public and independent institutions of higher
186 education, private occupational schools, post-secondary education, job
187 training institutions and programs, apprenticeship training programs
188 and adult job training programs offered to the public by any state
189 agency or funded in whole or in part by the state.

190 (19) A committee on HOUSING that shall have cognizance of all
191 matters relating to housing.

192 (20) A committee on AGING that shall have cognizance of all matters
193 relating to senior citizens.

194 (21) A committee on CHILDREN that shall have cognizance of all
195 matters relating to (A) the Department of Children and Families,
196 including institutions under its jurisdiction, and (B) children.

197 (22) A committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS that
198 shall have cognizance of all matters relating to military and veterans'

199 affairs, except veterans' pensions.

200 (23) A committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT that shall have
201 cognizance of all matters relating to (A) (i) the administrative functions
202 of the Office of Governmental Accountability, including the office's
203 personnel and employment policies and information technology, (ii) the
204 Freedom of Information Commission, the Office of State Ethics, the
205 Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and the State Elections Enforcement
206 Commission, and (iii) the Auditors of Public Accounts, and (B) the sale,
207 transfer or other disposition of any real property or interest in real
208 property that is under the custody or control of a state agency. Any bill
209 favorably reported by another committee that requires a state agency to
210 sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any real property or interest in real
211 property that is under the custody or control of such agency to any
212 person or entity other than another state agency, shall be referred to the
213 committee on Government Oversight. Any hearing conducted by the
214 committee on Government Oversight on any report issued by the
215 Auditors of Public Accounts, any other audit or investigation report
216 concerning any quasi-public agency or agency or department of the
217 state or on any statutory program shall be in accordance with the
218 provisions of Rule 18.

219 (c) *Statutory Committees*. In addition, there shall be:

220 (1) The committee on LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT that shall
221 conduct the business affairs of the General Assembly. The committee
222 shall be responsible for the operation of the General Assembly,
223 coordination and supervision of committee work, improvement of
224 legislative operations, deciding on matters of organization, procedures,
225 facilities and working conditions of the General Assembly,
226 compensation of employees of the legislative branch, and the facilitation
227 of positive relationships with the federal government and other state
228 governments. All bills and resolutions relating to such matters may be
229 referred to the committee. The committee shall consist of (A) twenty
230 members of the House who shall be (i) the Speaker, (ii) the deputy

231 speakers, (iii) the majority leader, (iv) four members appointed by the
232 Speaker, (v) three members appointed by the majority leader, (vi) the
233 minority leader, (vii) two deputy minority leaders appointed by the
234 minority leader, and (viii) five members appointed by the minority
235 leader, and (B) thirteen members of the Senate who shall be (i) the
236 President Pro Tempore, (ii) the majority leader, (iii) a deputy majority
237 leader appointed by the majority leader, (iv) five members appointed by
238 the President Pro Tempore, (v) the minority leader, (vi) an assistant
239 minority leader appointed by the minority leader, and (vii) three
240 members appointed by the minority leader. In matters of legislative
241 operations, the legislative commissioners and the clerks of each
242 chamber shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee.
243 The committee shall be chaired by the President Pro Tempore and the
244 Speaker. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum and
245 all actions shall require the affirmative vote of a majority. At any
246 meeting, if a committee member present of either chamber requests, a
247 vote of the majority of the members present of each chamber shall be
248 required for approval of a question.

249 (2) The committee on EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
250 NOMINATIONS that shall consist of (A) nineteen members of the
251 House who shall be (i) the majority leader, or the majority leader's
252 designee, (ii) the minority leader, or the minority leader's designee, (iii)
253 ten members appointed by the Speaker, and (iv) seven members
254 appointed by the minority leader, and (B) eight members of the Senate
255 who shall be (i) the majority leader, or the majority leader's designee, (ii)
256 the minority leader, or the minority leader's designee, (iii) three
257 members appointed by the President Pro Tempore, and (iv) three
258 members appointed by the minority leader. The chairpersons and
259 ranking members of the committee or committees having cognizance of
260 matters relating to the duties of a nominee for the position of a
261 department head, as defined in section 4-5 of the general statutes, shall
262 serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee on executive
263 and legislative nominations for the consideration of such nomination.
264 All executive and legislative nominations requiring action of either or

265 both chambers, except judicial nominations, nominations of
266 administrative law judges for the workers' compensation system,
267 nominations of members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and any
268 nomination of a Claims Commissioner, shall be referred to the
269 committee on executive and legislative nominations.

270 (d) *Select Committee*. In addition, for the 2025 regular session, there
271 shall be:

272 A select committee on Special Education the members of which shall
273 be appointed as follows: Up to six appointed by the Speaker of the
274 House, up to five appointed by the House minority leader, up to six
275 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and up to five
276 appointed by the Senate minority leader. Said committee may conduct
277 public hearings, may issue reports of its findings and may originate and
278 report any bill or resolution it deems necessary concerning special
279 education. Any bill or resolution favorably reported by said committee
280 shall be referred to the joint standing committee on Education.

281 (e) *Committee Appointments*. Appointments of committee members,
282 except to fill a vacancy caused by death or incapacity or by resignation
283 from the General Assembly or a committee of the General Assembly,
284 shall be made on or before the fifth regular session day of the first year
285 of the term and, except as otherwise provided in the rules of each
286 chamber, shall be for the entire term for which the members were
287 elected. Committee appointments of a member elected after the fifth
288 regular session day of the first year of the term shall be made not later
289 than five calendar days after the member takes the oath of office, and
290 may be made, at the discretion of the appointing authority, to any
291 committee.

292 Senate and House committees shall be appointed and organized in
293 accordance with the rules of each chamber and members of the minority
294 party shall be appointed on nomination of the minority leader of each
295 chamber.

LEADERS ON COMMITTEES

296

297 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House,
298 and majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House shall be
299 ex-officio members of all committees, with the right to be present at all
300 meetings and to take part in deliberations but without the right to vote,
301 except as to those committees to which they are appointed members.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

302

303 5. (a) *Scheduling*. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of
304 this rule and in Rule 15, chairpersons of committees shall jointly
305 schedule meetings during periods when the General Assembly is in
306 session as follows:

307 (1) Committees may meet on any day from January 8 through January
308 15 in 2025 and from February 4 through February 6 in 2026. The
309 chairpersons of each committee may jointly call a meeting during said
310 period in 2025 for the purpose of organization and to consider such
311 other business as is deemed necessary.

312 (2) Beginning on January 16 in 2025 and on February 9 in 2026, and
313 ending on the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions in
314 such year, as provided in Rule 15, Group A committees shall meet on
315 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only and Group B committees shall
316 meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

317 (3) Statutory committees, as described in subsection (c) of Rule 3, may
318 meet on any day. The select committee on Special Education, as
319 described in subsection (d) of Rule 3, shall meet on Mondays,
320 Wednesdays and Fridays only.

321 (4) Committees, except conference committees, may not meet during
322 a session of either chamber without the consent of each chamber which
323 is in session.

324 (5) All meetings shall be broadcast contemporaneously on an Internet

325 web site identified in the notice provided under subsection (f) of this
326 rule for such meeting.

327 (6) Not more than a total of ten meetings or public hearings, or any
328 combination thereof, may be scheduled for or conducted at the same
329 time.

330 (7) On a day when a committee has scheduled a meeting and the State
331 Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been officially closed due
332 to inclement weather:

333 (A) If the meeting has not been convened prior to the official closing,
334 the meeting may be (i) held and conducted exclusively on a virtual
335 platform approved by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
336 Speaker of the House, in accordance with the provisions of subsection
337 (c) of this rule, (ii) rescheduled if notice is provided in accordance with
338 the provisions of subsection (f) of this rule, or (iii) cancelled.

339 (B) If the meeting has been convened prior to the official closing, the
340 committee may (i) continue the meeting, (ii) recess the meeting and
341 reconvene such meeting on the virtual platform in accordance with the
342 provisions of subsection (c) of this rule, (iii) reschedule the meeting if
343 notice is provided in accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of
344 this rule, or (iv) adjourn the meeting.

345 (b) *Exceptions to Scheduling Requirements.*

346 (1) The committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and
347 Bonding may meet on any day. The committee on Judiciary may meet
348 on any day after March 21 in 2025 and after March 16 in 2026. The
349 committee on Government Oversight may meet on any day after March
350 20 in 2025 and after March 19 in 2026 to raise, hear or report favorably
351 or unfavorably a conveyance bill.

352 (2) Any committee may meet on any day, provided a record is made
353 certifying a significant need for the meeting by the Speaker of the House
354 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or their designees.

355 (3) If, in any week, the designated meeting day of a committee falls
356 on a holiday or on a day when the State Capitol or Legislative Office
357 Building is officially closed, the committee may meet on another day,
358 not so designated, within seven calendar days before or after such day,
359 provided a record is made certifying the need for the meeting by one of
360 the following: The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of
361 the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the majority leader of the
362 House and all reasonable efforts have been made to notify each member
363 of the committee of the meeting.

364 (c) *Conduct of Meetings.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson shall
365 convene all meetings, and such meetings shall provide for virtual
366 participation, on a virtual platform approved by the President Pro
367 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and in-person
368 participation by members of the committee, except the chairpersons
369 may jointly agree to limit participation to virtual participation for
370 members of the committee at any meeting scheduled on a day when the
371 State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been officially closed
372 due to inclement weather pursuant to subsection (a)(7) of this rule. If a
373 meeting, other than a meeting on the day of the committee's deadline to
374 report bills and resolutions, as provided in Rule 15, is not so convened
375 within fifteen minutes following its scheduled starting time, the meeting
376 shall be deemed cancelled. In all meetings of joint committees, the
377 Senate and House chairpersons shall mutually agree as to who shall
378 preside and in the absence of agreement the Senate chairperson and the
379 House chairperson shall alternately preside. A chairperson shall
380 recognize each member wishing to be heard prior to ordering the vote
381 on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable report, a favorable
382 change of reference or the boxing of a bill or resolution. A committee
383 member may offer an oral amendment to any bill or resolution during
384 the discussion on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable report
385 or a favorable change of reference. If a committee member offers an
386 amendment to a bill or resolution during the discussion on the final
387 question of a favorable or unfavorable report or a favorable change of
388 reference, and such amendment has been prepared by the Legislative

389 Commissioners' Office and assigned an LCO number by that office, the
390 committee clerk shall distribute such amendment to all committee
391 members prior to the ordering of a vote on such amendment. The
392 chairperson presiding over the meeting shall, upon a request of a
393 committee member, hold a roll call vote on an amendment offered to a
394 bill or resolution during the discussion on the final question of a
395 favorable or unfavorable report or a favorable change of reference. All
396 questions of order, hearings and other proceedings, including the
397 raising of bills or resolutions and questions relating to evidence, shall be
398 determined by a majority of votes but, if the majority of the committee
399 members present of either chamber so request, the committee members
400 of each chamber shall separately determine all questions. In the case of
401 a member who is participating virtually in a meeting, such member may
402 only cast a vote on any question if such member is visible to the
403 committee clerk on the virtual platform when casting his or her vote. A
404 vote of a committee may be reconsidered only at the next regular
405 meeting of the committee, except that any vote on the day of the
406 committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions as provided in Rule
407 15, may be reconsidered at the same meeting not later than 5:00 p.m. If
408 a technological issue relating to virtual participation by members of the
409 committee prevents or otherwise limits the transaction of the business
410 of the committee or the committee's ability to comply with these rules,
411 prior to or during a meeting, the chairpersons of the committee may take
412 whatever action they deem necessary, including, but not limited to,
413 cancelling or rescheduling such meeting, if notice is provided in
414 accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this rule for any such
415 meeting that is rescheduled.

416 (d) *Final Action.* At each committee meeting, the vote on the final
417 question of a favorable or unfavorable report, a favorable change of
418 reference or the boxing of a bill or resolution shall be recorded on the
419 vote tally sheet to show the names of the members voting yea and the
420 members voting nay. No motion to dispense with the recording of the
421 names of the members voting yea and the members voting nay shall be
422 entertained. No bill or resolution shall be reported to either chamber

423 unless the names of the members voting yea and the members voting
424 nay have been recorded on the vote tally sheet and such vote tally sheet
425 has been submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office as
426 provided in Rules 13 and 15(a). A copy of the vote tally sheet shall be
427 sent to the clerk of the appropriate chamber, by the Legislative
428 Commissioners' Office, with the favorably or unfavorably reported bill
429 or resolution and retained by the clerks.

430 (e) *Proxies*. No member may vote by proxy and no committee shall
431 record a vote cast by any member as a proxy for any other member.

432 (f) *Notice Requirements*. Notice of the date, time and place of
433 committee meetings during periods when the General Assembly is in
434 session shall be (1) posted on the General Assembly web site not later
435 than 6:00 p.m. of the day before the meeting, (2) transmitted
436 electronically to the clerk of each chamber upon posting of such notice
437 on the General Assembly web site, and (3) when practicable, given to
438 the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative
439 Bulletin. The notice provided to committee members and staff shall
440 include the Internet web site address for participation at such meeting,
441 and the notice provided to members of the public shall include the
442 Internet web site address in which such meeting will be broadcast.

443 (g) *Exception to Notice Requirements*. A committee may convene a
444 meeting without satisfying the notice requirements prescribed in
445 subsection (f) of this rule, provided announcement of the meeting is
446 made from the floor of the Senate or House during a session and both
447 chairpersons have approved the date, time, place and agenda for the
448 meeting. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the
449 announcement cannot be made in one or both chambers because no
450 regular session is being held on that day, an emergency meeting may
451 still be held, provided a record is made certifying the need for the
452 meeting by one of the following: The President Pro Tempore of the
453 Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the
454 majority leader of the House, and all reasonable efforts have been made

455 to notify each member of the committee of the meeting.

456 (h) *Agendas*. An agenda, approved by both chairpersons, shall be
457 prepared for each meeting and made available on the General Assembly
458 web site not later than 6:00 p.m. of the day before the meeting, except
459 that for a meeting held under subsection (g) of this rule, the agenda shall
460 be prepared and made available prior to the meeting. Items not on the
461 agenda may be considered upon a majority vote of the committee
462 members present.

463 (i) *Substitute Language*. A committee clerk shall, as soon as
464 practicable, post on the committee's web site any written substitute
465 language offered at a committee meeting by a committee member that
466 has been prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office and
467 assigned an LCO number by that office and reported favorably without
468 any changes at such committee meeting.

469 PUBLIC HEARINGS

470 6. (a) *Scheduling*.

471 (1) A committee may hold subject matter public hearings on any
472 subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed resolutions, and
473 on committee and raised bills and resolutions, during sessions, except
474 that subject matter public hearings on proposed bills and proposed
475 resolutions shall be held not later than twenty-one calendar days in 2025
476 and fourteen calendar days in 2026 before the committee's reporting out
477 date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15.

478 (2) Public hearings shall be scheduled for the convenience of the
479 public and in accordance with the schedule for committee meetings of
480 that committee as provided in Rule 5.

481 (3) All public hearings shall be broadcast contemporaneously on an
482 Internet web site identified in the notice of such meeting provided
483 pursuant to subsection (b) of this rule. Not more than a total of ten public
484 hearings or meetings, or any combination thereof, may be scheduled for

485 or conducted at the same time.

486 (4) In the event of inclement weather on the day on which a
487 committee has scheduled a public hearing:

488 (A) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been
489 officially closed due to inclement weather:

490 (i) If the hearing has been convened prior to the official closing, the
491 committee may continue the hearing or may recess the hearing in
492 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)(5) of this rule.

493 (ii) If the hearing has not been convened prior to the official closing,
494 the hearing may be held and conducted exclusively on a virtual
495 platform approved by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
496 Speaker of the House, in accordance with the provisions of subsection
497 (c)(1) of this rule, or may be rescheduled in accordance with the
498 provisions of subsection (a)(4)(D) of this rule.

499 (B) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have not been
500 officially closed:

501 (i) If the hearing has been convened, the committee may recess the
502 hearing in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)(5) of this
503 rule.

504 (ii) If the hearing has not yet been convened, the chairpersons of the
505 committee may cancel the hearing if, in their opinion, the seriousness of
506 the weather conditions is likely to reduce substantially the attendance
507 at the hearing by members of the public or members of the committee.

508 (C) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have not been
509 officially closed, (i) the committee clerk shall post notice of the
510 cancellation on the General Assembly web site, and (ii) notice of the
511 cancellation shall be transmitted electronically to the clerk of each
512 chamber upon posting of such notice on the General Assembly web site.

513 (D) The chairpersons shall reschedule a cancelled hearing on the
514 earliest feasible date that is on a day specified for that committee in Rule
515 5(a) or 5(b) or on any other day with the approval of the President Pro
516 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of
517 the Senate or the majority leader of the House, provided a record is
518 made of such approval. The committee clerk shall post notice of the
519 rescheduled hearing on the General Assembly web site, and notice of
520 the rescheduled hearing shall be transmitted electronically to the clerk
521 of each chamber upon posting of such notice on the General Assembly
522 web site. When practicable, the committee clerk shall give notice of the
523 rescheduled hearing to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the
524 next Legislative Bulletin. The notice of the rescheduled hearing shall
525 include the information provided in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of
526 subsection (b) of this rule, and the subject matter and list of the numbers
527 and titles of each bill and resolution to be considered shall be identical
528 to the subject matter and list in the notice of the original hearing. The
529 notice of the rescheduled hearing is not subject to subsection (b) of this
530 rule if the notice of the original hearing complied with said subsection
531 (b).

532 (5) Committees may group bills and resolutions by subject matter and
533 schedule hearings so that similar bills and resolutions are heard at the
534 same time.

535 (b) *Notice Requirements.* Notice of the date, time, place and subject
536 matter of each public hearing during periods when the General
537 Assembly is in session, together with (1) a list of the numbers and titles
538 of each bill and resolution to be considered, (2) the Internet web site
539 address for testifying at such hearing, (3) the Internet web site address
540 in which such hearing will be broadcast, and (4) information relating to
541 how members of the public are to submit the names of persons who
542 wish to testify at such hearing to the committee clerk, shall be published
543 in the Legislative Bulletin at least five calendar days in advance of the
544 hearing and posted on the General Assembly web site at least five
545 calendar days in advance of the hearing. In no event shall a bill or

546 resolution be listed for a hearing unless such bill or resolution has been
547 posted on the General Assembly web site and is in the possession of the
548 committee. For purposes of this rule, a bill or resolution shall be
549 considered in the possession of the committee for purposes of listing
550 such bill or resolution for a hearing upon (A) referral of such bill or
551 resolution by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
552 of the House to the committee, and (B) posting of such bill or resolution
553 on the General Assembly web site. For the purpose of meeting the
554 hearing requirements under this subsection, the day of publication in
555 the Legislative Bulletin during the time the General Assembly is in
556 session and the day of the hearing shall both be counted as full days.

557 (c) *Conduct of Public Hearings.*

558 (1) *Convening and Procedures.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson
559 shall convene all public hearings, and such public hearings shall provide
560 for (A) virtual participation, on a virtual platform approved by the
561 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, (B)
562 in-person participation by members of the committee, and (C) the
563 option for such virtual participation by other individuals who wish to
564 testify, except the chairpersons may jointly agree to limit participation
565 to virtual participation for members of the committee and other
566 individuals who wish to testify at any public hearing scheduled on a
567 day when the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been
568 officially closed due to inclement weather pursuant to subsection
569 (a)(4)(A) of this rule. If a hearing is not so convened within fifteen
570 minutes following its scheduled starting time, any member of the
571 committee may convene the hearing. The time of commencement of the
572 public hearing shall be designated in the published notice. In all public
573 hearings of joint committees, the Senate and House chairpersons shall
574 mutually agree as to who shall preside and in the absence of agreement
575 the Senate chairperson and the House chairperson shall alternately
576 preside. The length of time that each witness may testify shall be
577 determined by the presiding chairperson who shall give due regard for
578 the convenience of the public. All other questions of order, including

579 other questions relating to time limits and questions relating to
580 testimony or evidence, shall be determined by a majority of votes but, if
581 the majority of the committee members present of either chamber so
582 request, the committee members of each chamber shall separately
583 determine all questions.

584 (2) *Testimony by Public Officials.* A committee may permit
585 legislators who are not members of the committee, representatives of
586 state agencies and municipal chief elected officials testifying in their
587 official capacity to testify during but not beyond the first hour of a public
588 hearing. The public portion of the hearing shall be uninterrupted by
589 testimony from a legislator, a representative of a state agency or a
590 municipal chief elected official. If any legislators, representatives of state
591 agencies or municipal chief elected officials are unable to testify during
592 the first hour, they may testify at the end of the hearing after all
593 members of the public wishing to testify have been heard.

594 (3) *Written Testimony.* Legislators, representatives of state agencies,
595 municipal chief elected officials and members of the public may submit
596 to the committee written testimony on a bill or resolution or subject
597 matter in person, by mail or electronically at any time, except no such
598 written testimony may be submitted in-person when the State Capitol
599 and Legislative Office Building have been officially closed to the public.
600 Any such written testimony shall be included by the committee in the
601 record of the hearing. Committee chairpersons should encourage a
602 witness to submit a written statement and confine oral testimony to a
603 summary of that statement, but the full written statement shall be
604 included in the record of the hearing.

605 (4) *Notifying Other Committees.* Each bill or resolution referred by
606 one committee to another with a favorable report shall be accompanied
607 by a notation of the date or dates on which public hearings were held
608 by the first committee. The chairpersons of any committee other than
609 Appropriations or Finance, Revenue and Bonding to which any bill or
610 resolution calling for an appropriation or a bond issue is referred shall

611 notify the chairpersons of the committee on Appropriations or Finance,
612 Revenue and Bonding of the date, time and place of the hearing thereon.

613 (5) *Recessing*. The committee may recess any public hearing to a date,
614 time and place specified at the time of the recess, which shall be on a
615 day specified for that committee in Rule 5(a) or 5(b) or on any other day
616 with the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
617 Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the majority
618 leader of the House, provided a record is made of such approval. The
619 committee clerk shall post notice of any hearing recessed to another date
620 on the General Assembly web site, and notice of the recessed hearing
621 shall be transmitted electronically to the clerk of each chamber upon
622 posting of such notice on the General Assembly web site. When
623 practicable, the committee clerk shall give notice of the recessed hearing
624 to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative
625 Bulletin.

626 (6) *Signing Up to Testify*. Members of the public who wish to testify
627 at a public hearing may submit the names of persons who wish to testify
628 at such public hearing to the committee clerk, in a manner prescribed by
629 the chairpersons of the committee and indicated in the notice for such
630 public hearing, and such names shall be included in a lottery that will
631 determine the order of testimony of witnesses during the public portion
632 of the hearing. Such submission of names shall include whether such
633 person will be testifying in-person at the public hearing or whether such
634 person will be participating virtually. After such submission, the
635 Internet web site address for testifying at such hearing shall be provided
636 to each such person.

637 (7) *Technological Issues*. In the event of a technological issue that is
638 preventing or otherwise limiting the transaction of the business of the
639 committee or the committee's ability to comply with this rule, prior to
640 or during a public hearing, the chairpersons of the committee may take
641 whatever action they deem necessary, including, but not limited to,
642 recessing such hearing in accordance with the provisions of subdivision

643 (5) of this subsection, or cancelling and rescheduling such public
644 hearing in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)(4)(D) of this
645 rule.

646 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS GENERALLY**

647 7. (a) **Definitions.** As used in these rules:

648 (1) "Proposed bill" means a bill drafted in informal, non-statutory
649 language setting forth the substance of a proposal;

650 (2) "Proposed resolution" means a resolution drafted in informal,
651 non-statutory language setting forth the substance of a proposal;

652 (3) "Committee bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory language
653 that incorporates the principles expressed in a proposed bill or proposed
654 bills;

655 (4) "Committee resolution" means a resolution drafted in formal
656 statutory language that incorporates the principles expressed in a
657 proposed resolution or proposed resolutions;

658 (5) "Raised bill" means an original bill drafted in formal statutory
659 language raised by a committee without reference to a proposed bill or
660 proposed bills;

661 (6) "Raised resolution" means an original resolution drafted in formal
662 statutory language raised by a committee without reference to a
663 proposed resolution or proposed resolutions;

664 (7) "Emergency certified bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory
665 language that is certified by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
666 and the Speaker of the House to be of an emergency nature, pursuant to
667 subsection (c) of Rule 9;

668 (8) "Governor's bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory language
669 that accompanies the Governor's budget or other message; and

670 (9) "Conveyance bill" means any committee bill, raised bill,
671 emergency certified bill or Governor's bill drafted in formal language
672 that requires a state agency to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any
673 real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or
674 control of such agency to any person or entity other than another state
675 agency.

676 (b) **Numbering.** Senate bills shall be numbered from 1 to 5000, House
677 bills shall be numbered from 5001 to 9999 and resolutions shall be
678 numbered starting with 1 in each chamber.

679 (c) **Preparation and Alteration.** Each proposed bill, proposed
680 resolution, committee bill, raised bill, committee resolution, raised
681 resolution, emergency certified bill and Governor's bill shall be
682 prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. No such bill or
683 resolution shall be altered after such bill or resolution has been filed,
684 except by the legislative commissioners, in accordance with the
685 provisions of Rule 13.

686 (d) **Form and Format.** (1) Each proposed bill, proposed resolution,
687 committee bill, committee resolution, raised bill, raised resolution,
688 emergency certified bill and Governor's bill shall include the number of
689 such bill or resolution, the session of introduction, the introducer or
690 introducers of such bill or resolution, and, if applicable, the committee
691 to which it was referred. In the case of a committee bill or committee
692 resolution, each such committee bill or committee resolution shall also
693 include the names of any co-sponsors.

694 (2) Each committee bill, raised bill, emergency certified bill or
695 Governor's bill amending a statute or special act shall set forth in full the
696 section or subsection of the statute or the special act to be amended. Text
697 to be deleted or repealed shall be surrounded by brackets or
698 overstricken so that the deleted or repealed text remains readable, and
699 new text shall be indicated by capitalization, underlining or italics. In
700 the case of a section or subsection not amending an existing section of
701 the general statutes but intended to be part of the general statutes, the

702 section or subsection shall be preceded by the word (NEW).

703 (e) *Statement of Purpose.* At the conclusion of each proposed bill,
704 proposed resolution, committee bill and raised bill there shall be a
705 statement of its purpose in not more than one hundred fifty words, to
706 be printed under the caption "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE". The
707 statement of purpose shall not be a part of such bill or resolution for
708 consideration and enactment into law.

709 (f) *Sponsors.* (1) Any member of the General Assembly may co-
710 sponsor (A) a proposed bill or proposed resolution by requesting the
711 Legislative Commissioners' Office, in writing, to add such member's
712 name to such proposed bill or proposed resolution in its possession, or
713 (B) a proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill, committee
714 resolution, raised bill, raised resolution, emergency certified bill or
715 Governor's bill by requesting the clerk of the chamber in which such bill
716 or resolution has been filed, in writing, to add such member's name as a
717 co-sponsor of such bill or resolution, provided such request is made not
718 later than the date of the signing of such bill, or the deadline for the
719 signing of such bill, by the Governor, whichever is earlier, or the date of
720 the adoption of such resolution.

721 (2) A member of the General Assembly may request the clerk of the
722 chamber in which a proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill,
723 committee resolution, raised bill, raised resolution, emergency certified
724 bill or Governor's bill was filed, in writing, to remove such member's
725 name as an introducer or a co-sponsor of such bill or resolution,
726 provided such request is made not later than the time specified in
727 subsection (f)(1)(B) of this rule. The clerk shall notify the Legislative
728 Commissioners' Office of such removal and the member's name shall be
729 removed from the legislative database for such bill or resolution.

730 (g) *Availability of Bills and Resolutions.* Copies of proposed bills,
731 proposed resolutions, committee bills, committee resolutions, raised
732 bills, raised resolutions and Governor's bills shall be prepared, in
733 accordance with section 2-23 of the general statutes, for use by the

734 General Assembly and the public and shall be made available in the
735 legislative bill room and posted on the General Assembly web site.

736 (h) *Types of Bills and Resolutions in 2026 Session.* In the 2026
737 session, only the following bills and resolutions may be introduced:
738 Those (1) relating to budgetary, revenue and financial matters, (2) raised
739 by committees of the General Assembly, and (3) relating to matters
740 certified in writing by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
741 Speaker of the House to be of an emergency nature.

742 PROPOSED BILLS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

743 8. (a) *Introduction by Members. Deadline.* Members of the General
744 Assembly may introduce proposed bills or proposed resolutions for
745 consideration by the joint standing committees and the Legislative
746 Management committee. The deadline for members of the General
747 Assembly to submit a request to the Legislative Commissioners' Office
748 to draft a proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be January 17, 2025,
749 for the 2025 session and on February 6, 2026, for the 2026 session, in each
750 session at 5:00 p.m. or at an hour the presiding officer of each chamber
751 designates. The chamber of origin for a proposed bill or proposed
752 resolution shall be the chamber of the first introducer of such proposed
753 bill or proposed resolution. For purposes of this rule, "member" includes
754 a member-elect of the General Assembly.

755 (b) *Preparation and Filing.* At the request of any member of the
756 General Assembly, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare
757 a proposed bill or proposed resolution and return the proposed bill or
758 proposed resolution to the member who submitted the request, or file
759 the proposed bill or proposed resolution with the clerk of the
760 appropriate chamber not later than ten days after the receipt of the
761 request, unless the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
762 of the House consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative
763 commissioner for an extension of time.

764 (c) *Suggested Committee Referral.* The Legislative Commissioners'

765 Office shall make a notation as to the suggested committee reference for
766 each proposed bill and proposed resolution based on its subject matter.
767 The clerk of the appropriate chamber shall, on introduction of each such
768 proposed bill or proposed resolution, make a tentative reference for the
769 President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House.

770 (d) *Receipt by Clerk; Initial Reference to Committee.* The clerk of the
771 Senate or House shall receive each proposed bill and proposed
772 resolution and shall cause copies to be made available in accordance
773 with subsection (g) of Rule 7. No proposed bill or proposed resolution
774 shall be invalid for lack of a signature of the member introducing such
775 proposed bill or proposed resolution. After receipt of a proposed bill or
776 proposed resolution, the proposed bill or proposed resolution shall
777 receive its first reading as set forth in Rule 16. The President Pro
778 Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall refer the
779 proposed bill or proposed resolution to the appropriate joint standing
780 committee or the Legislative Management committee and then send
781 such proposed bill or proposed resolution to the other chamber for
782 concurring reference. The proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be
783 delivered forthwith to the clerk of the appropriate committee. A
784 proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be considered in the
785 possession of the committee upon (1) such referral, and (2) posting of
786 such proposed bill or proposed resolution on the General Assembly web
787 site.

788 COMMITTEE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, RAISED BILLS AND
789 RESOLUTIONS, EMERGENCY CERTIFIED BILLS AND
790 GOVERNOR'S BILLS

791 9. (a) *Committee Bills and Committee Resolutions.*

792 (1) *Introduction.* Committee bills and committee resolutions may be
793 introduced only by committees. A committee, upon receiving the
794 proposed bills or proposed resolutions referred to it pursuant to Rule 8,
795 may separate them into subject categories and may vote to have
796 committee bills or resolutions on the subjects prepared by the

797 Legislative Commissioners' Office. Each committee bill and committee
798 resolution shall be (A) identified as a committee bill or committee
799 resolution, (B) electronically approved by each chairperson of the
800 committee, except such chairperson may permit the vice chairperson of
801 the same chamber to electronically approve any such bill or resolution,
802 (C) filed with the clerk of the appropriate chamber, and (D) assigned a
803 number in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (3) of this
804 subsection. A committee bill or committee resolution shall be
805 considered in the possession of the committee upon (i) referral of such
806 committee bill or committee resolution by the President Pro Tempore of
807 the Senate and the Speaker of the House to the committee after such
808 committee bill or committee resolution has been filed and assigned a
809 number under this subdivision, and (ii) posting of such committee bill
810 or committee resolution on the General Assembly web site.

811 (2) *Deadlines.*

812 (A) *Initial Committee Action.* The deadline for committees to vote (i)
813 to reserve proposed bills and proposed resolutions for subject matter
814 public hearings under Rule 6, or (ii) to have the Legislative
815 Commissioners' Office prepare committee bills and committee
816 resolutions shall be 5:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2025:

T1	February 4	Aging
T2		Banking
T3		Housing
T4		Children
T5		Veterans' and Military Affairs
T6	February 6	Energy and Technology
T7		Higher Education and Employment Advancement
T8		Insurance and Real Estate
T9		Public Safety and Security
T10		Human Services
T11		Government Oversight

T12	February 10	Education
T13		Environment
T14		Planning and Development
T15		Public Health
T16		Transportation
T17		General Law
T18	February 11	Commerce
T19		Labor and Public Employees
T20		Legislative Management
T21	February 19	Government Administration & Elections
T22		Judiciary
T23		Finance, Revenue and Bonding
T24		Appropriations
T25		Special Education

817 In 2026, such deadline shall be 5:00 p.m. on February 20 for the
818 committees in Group A and on February 19 for the committees in Group
819 B and the Legislative Management committee.

820 (B) ***Committee Action on Bills and Resolutions Reserved for Subject***
821 ***Matter Public Hearings.*** The deadline for committees to vote to have the
822 Legislative Commissioners' Office prepare committee bills and
823 committee resolutions based on proposed bills or proposed resolutions
824 that have been reserved for subject matter public hearings under
825 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and on which subject matter
826 public hearings have been held under Rule 6 shall be 5:00 p.m. on the
827 seventeenth calendar day in 2025 and the tenth calendar day in 2026
828 prior to the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions in such
829 year, as provided in Rule 15.

830 (3) ***Numbering.*** Each committee bill and committee resolution shall
831 have the same number and chamber of origin as the proposed bill or
832 proposed resolution on which it is based. Such number and chamber of
833 origin shall be used in any reference to such proposed bill, proposed

834 resolution, committee bill or committee resolution. When a committee
835 bill is based on two or more proposed bills, or a committee resolution is
836 based on two or more proposed resolutions, the members of the
837 committee shall designate the proposed bill or proposed resolution
838 number to be used on the committee bill or committee resolution. The
839 numbers of any other proposed bills or proposed resolutions that the
840 committee bill or committee resolution is based on shall be listed at the
841 end of the committee bill or committee resolution with the names of the
842 introducers and co-sponsors. The number of any committee bill or
843 committee resolution based on proposed bills or proposed resolutions
844 on which subject matter public hearings have been held under Rule 6
845 shall be determined by the committee in the same manner as provided
846 in this subdivision.

847 (b) *Raised Bills and Raised Resolutions.*

848 (1) *Introduction.* Raised bills and raised resolutions may be
849 introduced only by committees. A committee may vote to raise bills and
850 resolutions and have such raised bills or raised resolutions prepared by
851 the Legislative Commissioners' Office. Each raised bill and raised
852 resolution shall be (A) identified as a raised bill or raised resolution, (B)
853 electronically approved by each chairperson of the committee, except
854 such chairperson may permit the vice chairperson of the same chamber
855 to electronically approve any such bill or resolution, (C) filed with the
856 clerk of the appropriate chamber, and (D) assigned a number by such
857 clerk. A raised bill or raised resolution shall be considered in the
858 possession of the committee upon (i) referral of such raised bill or raised
859 resolution by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
860 of the House to the committee after such raised bill or raised resolution
861 has been filed and assigned a number under this subdivision, and (ii)
862 posting of such raised bill or raised resolution on the General Assembly
863 web site.

864 (2) *Deadline. Exceptions.* (A) Except as otherwise provided in
865 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the deadline for committees to

866 vote to have the Legislative Commissioners' Office prepare raised bills
867 and raised resolutions shall be, (i) in 2025, (I) 5:00 p.m. on February 19
868 for the committees in Group A and the select committee on Special
869 Education, and (II) 5:00 p.m. on February 18 for the committees in Group
870 B and the Legislative Management committee, and (ii) in 2026, (I) 5:00
871 p.m. on February 20 for the committees in Group A, and (II) 5:00 p.m.
872 on February 19 for the committees in Group B and the Legislative
873 Management committee.

874 (B) The following may be raised at any time: (i) Bills or resolutions to
875 provide for the current expenses of government, (ii) emergency certified
876 bills or resolutions the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
877 Speaker of the House certify in writing to be, in their opinion, of an
878 emergency nature, (iii) bills or resolutions the Governor requests in a
879 special message addressed to the General Assembly, which message
880 sets forth the emergency or necessity requiring such bills or resolutions,
881 and (iv) the legislative commissioners' revisor's bill.

882 (c) *Emergency Certified Bills.* Emergency certified bills may be
883 introduced by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
884 of the House. Such bills shall be certified by the President Pro Tempore
885 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to be of an emergency nature.
886 Each emergency certified bill shall be identified simply as a bill, filed
887 with the clerk of the appropriate chamber, and assigned a number by
888 such clerk.

889 (d) *Governor's Bills.*

890 (1) *Introduction.* Any fully drafted bill accompanying the Governor's
891 budget or other message may be introduced by the legislative leaders of
892 the Governor's party in the Senate and the House, provided one copy of
893 each bill is supplied by the Governor to the legislative leaders of both
894 parties. Each bill accompanying the Governor's budget or other message
895 shall be identified as a Governor's bill, filed with the clerk of the
896 appropriate chamber, and assigned a number by such clerk.

897 (2) *Suggested Committee Referral; Receipt by Clerk; Initial Reference*
898 *to Committee.* The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall make a
899 notation as to the suggested committee reference for each Governor's
900 bill based on its subject matter. The clerk of the appropriate chamber
901 shall, on introduction of each such Governor's bill, make a tentative
902 reference for the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of
903 the House. The clerk of the Senate or House shall receive each
904 Governor's bill. A Governor's bill shall be considered in the possession
905 of the committee upon (A) referral of such Governor's bill by the
906 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to
907 the committee, and (B) posting of such Governor's bill on the General
908 Assembly web site.

909 (e) *Conveyance Bills.*

910 (1) The committee on Government Oversight may raise a conveyance
911 bill on or before May 14 in 2025 and April 1 in 2026.

912 (2) A chamber may not pass a conveyance bill unless the sale, transfer
913 or other disposition of real property, or interest in real property, under
914 the custody or control of a state agency, that is the subject of such
915 conveyance bill has received a public hearing in accordance with the
916 provisions of Rule 6.

917 (3) No conveyance bill that requires the sale, transfer or disposition
918 of real property or an interest in real property that is under the custody
919 or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of
920 Energy and Environmental Protection, or a successor agency of either
921 department, shall be passed by either chamber without a yea vote of at
922 least two-thirds of the total membership of the chamber.

923 SUBSTITUTE BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

924 10. A bill or resolution redrafted with a favorable report by a
925 committee shall be reported as a substitute bill or resolution. Any such
926 substitute bill or resolution shall be made available on the General

927 Assembly web site.

928 PETITION FOR PREPARATION OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

929 11. Not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh calendar day after the
930 deadline of a committee to request the drafting of a committee bill or
931 resolution, set forth in Rule 9, any member of the General Assembly may
932 present to the clerk of the member's chamber, who shall present the
933 same to the Legislative Commissioners' Office, a written petition
934 requesting preparation of a bill or resolution based on a proposed bill or
935 proposed resolution, introduced or co-sponsored by such member and
936 previously referred to such committee, unless the proposed bill or
937 resolution has been scheduled for a subject matter public hearing to be
938 held after the committee's deadline to request a committee bill or
939 resolution, in which case the petition may be presented not later than
940 5:00 p.m. on the seventh calendar day before the committee's reporting
941 out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15. The petition shall
942 be signed in the original by at least fifty-one members of the House if a
943 House petition and by at least twelve members of the Senate if a Senate
944 petition. The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare the
945 requested bill or resolution and forward it to the clerk of the chamber of
946 origin for processing and referral to the appropriate committee which
947 shall hold a public hearing on the bill or resolution, except that if the
948 committee has already held a subject matter public hearing on the bill
949 or resolution no further public hearing shall be required.

950 AMENDMENTS

951 12. All amendments to any bill or resolution in the Senate or House
952 shall be prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. An original
953 of each amendment to be offered and a copy of such amendment shall
954 be printed. The clerk of the appropriate chamber shall certify the copy
955 of each amendment and keep such certified copy in such clerk's office at
956 all times.

957 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'

PROCESS AFTER COMMITTEE ACTION

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960 13. (a) *Receipt*. When a committee reports a bill or resolution
961 favorably, the vote tally sheet for such bill or resolution shall be
962 submitted forthwith to the Legislative Commissioners' Office. The
963 Legislative Commissioners' Office shall enter the receipt of the vote tally
964 sheet in the legislative database and notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis
965 and the Office of Legislative Research of the bill or resolution number
966 and the committee's action.

967 (b) *Examination and Correction*. The legislative commissioners shall
968 examine the bill or resolution and make any correction therein as may
969 be necessary for the purpose of avoiding repetition and unconstitutional
970 provisions, and of ensuring accuracy in the text and references,
971 clearness and conciseness in the phraseology and consistency with
972 existing statutes. Whenever the legislative commissioners make any
973 changes in a bill or resolution, other than corrections of spelling,
974 grammar, punctuation or typographical errors the correction of which
975 in no way alters the meaning, they shall prepare a statement which
976 describes each change, where it was made and explicitly why they made
977 the change. This statement shall be entered into the legislative database
978 and printed with the file copy of the bill or resolution and shall bear the
979 same file number as the bill or resolution.

980 (c) *Deadline*. Unless the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker
981 consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative commissioner for an
982 extension of time, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete
983 its examination of the bill or resolution within ten calendar days,
984 excluding holidays, after its receipt, except the Legislative
985 Commissioners' Office shall complete its examination of a conveyance
986 bill within five calendar days, excluding holidays, after its receipt. If the
987 bill or resolution is approved by a commissioner, the commissioner shall
988 notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research
989 of the approval and, if a substitute, furnish each office with a copy of the
990 bill or resolution for preparation of a fiscal note and bill analysis. Unless

991 the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a
992 request by the director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis or the director of
993 the Office of Legislative Research for an extension of time, a legislative
994 commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her
995 approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated within five
996 calendar days, excluding holidays, after such notice.

997 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Returned to Committee.* If the commissioner
998 finds upon completion of the examination of a bill or resolution that the
999 bill or resolution is unconstitutional or is already law, the commissioner
1000 shall return the bill or resolution to the committee and shall notify the
1001 Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of its
1002 return. Whenever a bill or resolution has been so returned to the
1003 committee, it may nevertheless be reported favorably by the committee
1004 and be returned to the Legislative Commissioners' Office for completion
1005 of the procedures prescribed above, notwithstanding the provisions of
1006 Rule 15. If a bill or resolution is returned after the committee's reporting
1007 out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, the committee
1008 shall take such action before the start of the session on the third regular
1009 session day of the chamber making the referral after the bill or resolution
1010 is returned by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. The clerk shall
1011 enter it on the calendar under a heading "Favorable Report, Matter Not
1012 Approved by Legislative Commissioner" unless the committee reports
1013 a substitute bill or resolution which the legislative commissioners
1014 approve.

1015 (e) *Change of Reference.* Favorable changes of reference shall be
1016 treated as provided in this rule except that no fiscal note or bill analysis
1017 shall be required. When a committee votes a straight change of reference
1018 or a favorable change of reference for a bill or resolution, the vote tally
1019 sheet for such bill or resolution shall be submitted to the Legislative
1020 Commissioners' Office, which shall prepare the change of reference
1021 jacket and deliver the bill or resolution to the clerk of the chamber of
1022 origin. Reading and referral of straight changes of reference shall be by
1023 printing in the House and Senate journals. A bill or resolution that has

1024 received a straight change of reference or a favorable change of reference
1025 shall be considered in the possession of the receiving committee upon
1026 entering such straight change of reference or favorable change of
1027 reference on the General Assembly web site.

1028 REPORTING OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

1029 14. Except as provided in Rules 19 and 20, all bills and joint
1030 resolutions reported by any committee shall be first reported to the
1031 chamber of origin, but any bill or resolution favorably reported by only
1032 one chamber shall first be reported to that chamber regardless of the
1033 chamber of origin.

1034 FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

1035 15. (a) *Deadline for Favorable Reports.* The deadline for committees
1036 to take final action on any bill or resolution and submit the vote tally
1037 sheet for each such bill or resolution to the Legislative Commissioners'
1038 Office as provided in Rule 13 shall be 5:00 p.m. on the dates designated
1039 in the following schedule:

T26	Committee	2025	2026
T27	Aging	March 11	March 10
T28	Children	March 11	March 10
T29	Housing	March 11	March 12
T30	Veterans' and Military Affairs	March 13	March 12
T31	Banking	March 13	March 17
T32	Higher Education and Employment	March 18	March 17
T33	Advancement		
T34	Insurance and Real Estate	March 18	March 19
T35	Public Safety and Security	March 18	March 17
T36	Legislative Management	March 19	March 16
T37	Commerce	March 20	March 24
T38	Energy and Technology	March 20	March 24
T39	Government Oversight	March 20	March 19
T40	Transportation	March 24	March 20
T41	General Law	March 24	March 18
T42	Labor and Public Employees	March 25	March 24
T43	Human Services	March 20	March 26

T26	Committee	2025	2026
T44	Environment	March 31	March 25
T45	Education	March 31	March 23
T46	Planning and Development	March 31	March 23
T47	Public Health	April 2	March 27
T48	Government Administration and Elections	April 2	March 25
T49	Judiciary	April 11	March 30
T50	Finance, Revenue and Bonding	April 24	April 1
T51	Appropriations	April 25	April 2
T52	Special Education	April 30	

1040 The deadlines designated in this subsection shall not apply to
 1041 conveyance bills, and resolutions proposing amendments to the
 1042 constitution and other substantive resolutions.

1043 (b) *Hearing Requirement for Favorable Report.* (1) Except as
 1044 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection and Rule 32 (2)(A), no bill
 1045 and no resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution or other
 1046 substantive resolution shall be reported favorably by a committee
 1047 unless a public hearing has been held as provided in Rule 6, but no
 1048 further public hearing shall be required for a favorable report on a
 1049 substitute for such bill or resolution, provided the substitute is based on
 1050 or is germane to the subject matter of the original bill or resolution, or
 1051 for a bill or resolution petitioned under Rule 11 on which a subject
 1052 matter public hearing has been held.

1053 (2) No bill requiring the sale, transfer or other disposition of real
 1054 property, or interest in real property, under the custody or control of a
 1055 state agency, shall be reported favorably or unfavorably by a committee
 1056 unless such sale, transfer or other disposition has been the subject of a
 1057 public hearing as provided in Rule 6.

1058 (c) *Fiscal Notes and Bill Analyses; Bills or Resolutions Unfavorably*
 1059 *Reported; List of Reported Bills or Resolutions.* (1) Any bill or
 1060 resolution reported favorably by any committee which if passed or
 1061 adopted, would affect state or municipal revenue or would require the
 1062 expenditure of state or municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note

1063 attached, as required by section 2-24 of the general statutes with respect
1064 to bills. The fiscal note for a bill or resolution and the analysis of a bill
1065 shall be printed with the bill or resolution and shall bear the same file
1066 number as the bill or resolution. Any fiscal note printed with or
1067 prepared for a bill or resolution and any analysis of a bill printed with
1068 or prepared for a bill, are solely for the purpose of information,
1069 summarization and explanation for members of the General Assembly
1070 and shall not be construed to represent the intent of the General
1071 Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. Each such fiscal
1072 note and bill analysis shall bear the following disclaimer: "The following
1073 Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of
1074 the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of
1075 information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the
1076 intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any
1077 purpose." When an amendment is offered to a bill or resolution in the
1078 House or the Senate, which, if adopted, would require the expenditure
1079 of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue, a fiscal
1080 note shall be available at the time the amendment is offered. Any fiscal
1081 note prepared for such an amendment shall be construed in accordance
1082 with the provisions of this rule and shall bear the disclaimer required
1083 under this rule. Each fiscal note prepared under this subdivision shall
1084 include a brief statement of the sources of information, in addition to the
1085 general knowledge of the fiscal analyst, consulted or relied on to
1086 calculate the fiscal impact.

1087 (2) All bills or resolutions unfavorably reported by a committee shall
1088 be submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office not later than 5:00
1089 p.m. on the final reporting out date for favorable reports for that
1090 committee, designated in the schedule shown in this rule.

1091 (3) The legislative commissioners shall prepare a list of the bills or
1092 resolutions submitted to them which at the deadline time for each
1093 committee are not printed and in the files and the clerks shall print the
1094 same in the House and Senate journals.

1095 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Not Acted on by Committee; Bills or*
1096 *Resolutions Not Printed and in Files.* All bills or resolutions not acted
1097 on by the committees within the time limits established by this section
1098 shall be deemed to have failed in committee, except that (1) a bill or
1099 resolution shall be reported to the chamber in which it originated if the
1100 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
1101 certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate it being
1102 acted on by the General Assembly, or (2) if a majority of the members of
1103 either chamber present to the clerk of such chamber a written petition
1104 as provided by Rule 19, requesting that a bill or resolution be reported,
1105 it shall be reported to the chamber in which the petition originated. Any
1106 bill or resolution not printed and in the files of the members of the
1107 General Assembly may be acted upon by the General Assembly if the
1108 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
1109 certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate an
1110 immediate vote on the bill or resolution, in which case a copy of the bill
1111 or resolution, accompanied by a fiscal note, shall nevertheless be upon
1112 the desks of the members, but not necessarily printed, before the bill or
1113 resolution is acted upon.

1114 (e) *Conveyance Bills.* Subject to the provisions of Rule 9(e), the
1115 deadline for the committee on Government Oversight to vote to report
1116 favorably or unfavorably and submit conveyance bills to the Legislative
1117 Commissioners' Office shall be 5:00 p.m. on May 21 in 2025 and April 8
1118 in 2026.

1119 (f) *Referral of Bill or Resolution by Chamber to Committee After*
1120 *Deadline.* (1) Whenever a bill or resolution favorably or unfavorably
1121 reported by one committee is referred by the House or the Senate to
1122 another committee after its deadline under subsection (a) of this rule has
1123 passed, the committee receiving such referred bill or resolution shall
1124 meet to consider such bill or resolution on any day of the week and at
1125 any time (A) before the start of the session of the third regular session
1126 day of the referring chamber after the date that the motion to refer is
1127 adopted, or (B) not later than seven calendar days after such date of

1128 adoption, whichever occurs first. Such committee may take the
1129 following action on such referred bill or resolution: (i) Report it
1130 favorably or unfavorably in accordance with the provisions of
1131 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this rule, (ii) box it, or (iii) take no action.
1132 Under no circumstances shall such committee refer such bill or
1133 resolution to another committee. A bill or resolution referred by the
1134 House or the Senate under this subdivision shall be considered in the
1135 possession of the committee to which such bill or resolution has been
1136 referred upon such referral and the entering of such referral on the
1137 General Assembly web site.

1138 (2) If the committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or
1139 unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has not been amended in either
1140 chamber, the committee may report a substitute bill or resolution, in
1141 which case, there shall be a reprinting of the file. The entry on the
1142 calendar in both chambers shall indicate the actions of the committee.

1143 (3) If the committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or
1144 unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has been amended in either
1145 chamber, the committee shall include in its report its recommendation
1146 on the adoption or rejection of each amendment, and may submit
1147 additional amendments to be offered on the floor. In such a case there
1148 shall be no reprinting of the file. The entry on the calendar in both
1149 chambers shall indicate the actions and recommendations of the
1150 committee.

1151 (g) *Referral of Bill or Resolution by Chamber to Committee Before*
1152 *Deadline.* Whenever a bill or resolution favorably or unfavorably
1153 reported by one committee is referred by the House or the Senate to
1154 another committee before its deadline under subsection (a) of this rule
1155 has passed, such referred bill or resolution shall be considered in the
1156 possession of the committee to which such bill or resolution has been
1157 referred upon such referral and the entering of such referral on the
1158 General Assembly web site.

1159 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS-READINGS

1160 16. First reading of all bills and resolutions shall be (1) by the
1161 acceptance by each chamber of a printed list of bills and resolutions,
1162 prepared by the clerks of the House and Senate, setting forth numbers,
1163 introducers, titles and committees to which referred, or (2) by title,
1164 number and reference to a committee.

1165 Second reading shall be the report of a committee.

1166 Third reading shall be passage or rejection of a bill or adoption or
1167 rejection of a resolution on the calendar. Each bill and each resolution
1168 proposing an amendment to the constitution shall receive three
1169 readings in each chamber prior to passage or adoption, and no bill or
1170 resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution shall be read
1171 twice on the same day.

1172 FAVORABLE REPORTS

1173 17. (a) *Committee Clerk's Approval*. When the House and Senate
1174 members of any committee jointly vote to report a committee or raised
1175 bill or resolution favorably, the committee clerk shall approve the
1176 committee report form for such committee or raised bill or resolution.

1177 (b) *Resolutions on Appointments and Nominations*. A favorable
1178 report by a joint standing committee of a resolution concerning a
1179 General Assembly appointment or a nomination requiring joint
1180 confirmation and a favorable report of any committee to which
1181 executive and legislative nominations are referred shall be tabled for the
1182 calendar and printed by number and title only. The report may be
1183 accepted and the resolution adopted after it has appeared on the
1184 calendar for two days.

1185 (c) *File Copies Available to Members*. All bills and all resolutions
1186 proposing amendments to the constitution and other substantive
1187 resolutions reported favorably by the committees to which they have
1188 been referred, or by a majority of the members of the Senate or House
1189 committee making the report, before third reading, shall be laid upon

1190 the table, and sufficient copies of each bill or resolution together with
1191 the vote tally sheet shall be printed under the supervision of the
1192 Legislative Commissioners' Office for the use of the General Assembly.

1193 (d) *Timing of Action by Chambers.* Each bill and each joint resolution
1194 proposing an amendment to the constitution and each other substantive
1195 resolution so printed shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file
1196 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the
1197 session day next succeeding, except that: (1) A bill or resolution certified
1198 in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, if filed in the
1199 House, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the Senate with
1200 the consent of the Speaker; and if filed in the Senate, may be transmitted
1201 to and acted upon first by the House with the consent of the President
1202 Pro Tempore, (2) any bill or resolution certified in accordance with
1203 section 2-26 of the general statutes may be acted upon immediately and
1204 may be transmitted immediately to the second chamber and may be
1205 acted upon immediately when received by the second chamber, (3) if
1206 one chamber rejects an amendment adopted by the other chamber, the
1207 bill or resolution after final action may be transmitted immediately to
1208 and may be placed on the calendar immediately in the second chamber,
1209 (4) during the last five calendar days of the session, if one chamber
1210 rejects an amendment adopted by the other chamber or adopts an
1211 amendment to a bill or resolution received from the other chamber, or
1212 takes any action on such bill or resolution requiring further action by
1213 the other chamber, the bill or resolution after final action may be
1214 transmitted immediately to the second chamber and placed
1215 immediately on the calendar and may be acted upon immediately in the
1216 second chamber, or (5) during the last five calendar days of the session,
1217 any bill or resolution, after final action in one chamber, may be
1218 transmitted immediately to the second chamber and may be placed on
1219 the calendar immediately in the second chamber.

1220 (e) *Action on Calendar.* All bills and resolutions starred for action
1221 shall be acted upon only when reached and any bill or resolution not
1222 acted upon shall retain its place on the calendar, unless it is put at the

1223 foot of the calendar or unless its consideration is made the order of the
1224 day for some specified time.

1225 (f) **Other Provisions.** When the House or Senate members only of a
1226 committee vote to report a bill or resolution favorably, the House or
1227 Senate chairperson of the committee, as the case may be, shall sign the
1228 bill or resolution. When the House members and Senate members of a
1229 committee vote to report separate versions of a bill or resolution and
1230 each chamber adopts its own version, both bills or resolutions may be
1231 referred by a joint resolution to a committee of conference, appointed as
1232 provided in Rule 22, with instructions to report a bill or resolution, as
1233 the case may be. If no bill or resolution is reported within three session
1234 days following the committee's appointment, the committee shall
1235 submit an interim report to both chambers and shall continue to report
1236 every second session day thereafter until a final decision is reached. If a
1237 bill or resolution is agreed upon by the committee it shall be submitted
1238 to the Legislative Commissioners' Office as a favorable report for
1239 processing as provided in Rule 13. A legislative commissioner shall
1240 transmit the bill or resolution with his or her approval to the clerk of the
1241 chamber which initiated the joint resolution for a committee of
1242 conference and the bill or resolution shall thereupon be tabled for the
1243 calendar and printing. The report of the committee may be accepted or
1244 rejected, but the bill or resolution may not be amended.

1245 No bill or resolution shall appear on the calendar of either chamber
1246 unless it has received a joint favorable report or a favorable report of the
1247 members of the committee of that chamber, except as provided in this
1248 rule or in Rule 19 or 20.

1249 (g) **Roll Call Requirement.** Each bill and each resolution proposing
1250 an amendment to the constitution and each other substantive resolution
1251 appearing on the regular calendar shall be voted upon by a roll call vote.

1252 HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
1253 GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

1254 18. The chairpersons of the committee on Government Oversight (1)
1255 (A) shall hold a hearing on any report issued by the Auditors of Public
1256 Accounts, pursuant to any provision of the general statutes, except the
1257 chairpersons may elect not to hold a hearing on any report that (i)
1258 contains no state agency violations of state statute or regulation, (ii)
1259 contains only minor or technical recommendations, or (iii) the
1260 chairpersons determine does not otherwise necessitate a public hearing,
1261 and (B) may invite the members of the joint standing committee of the
1262 General Assembly having cognizance of any state agency that is the
1263 subject of such report, and (2) shall, if so requested by the President Pro
1264 Tempore and the Speaker of the House, (A) hold a hearing on (i) any
1265 report issued by the Auditors of Public Accounts, pursuant to any
1266 provision of the general statutes, (ii) any other audit or investigation
1267 report concerning any quasi-public agency or agency or department of
1268 the state that has been conducted by or at the request of the Governor
1269 or an agency or department of the state, or (iii) any statutory program
1270 to examine its performance or effectiveness, and (B) invite the members
1271 of any joint standing committee designated by the President and
1272 Speaker. Any such hearing shall be held not later than ninety days after
1273 such report is submitted to the General Assembly by the auditors or
1274 such hearing is requested by the President and the Speaker.

1275 PETITION FOR COMMITTEE REPORT

1276 19. Upon presentation to the clerk of either chamber of a petition
1277 signed in the original by not less than a majority of the members of either
1278 chamber requesting a joint standing committee to report a bill or
1279 resolution in its possession, the clerk shall immediately give notice to
1280 the committee of the filing of the petition. The petition may not be
1281 presented sooner than the day following the committee's deadline,
1282 designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, to report the bill or
1283 resolution out of committee and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh
1284 calendar day after that deadline. Within two regular session days
1285 thereafter the committee shall report the bill or resolution with or
1286 without its recommendations to the chamber from which the petition

1287 was received. If no recommendation is made, the bill or resolution shall
1288 be considered as having received an unfavorable report and the
1289 procedures in Rule 20 shall be followed. Each petition or page of the
1290 petition shall contain a statement of its purpose and may be circulated
1291 only by a member of the chamber whose clerk will receive the petition.
1292 If the committee members of one chamber vote to report a bill or
1293 resolution favorably, the petition so circulated and presented to the
1294 clerk may be signed only by the members of the other chamber.

1295 Any bill or resolution so petitioned, except those carrying or
1296 requiring appropriations, shall not be referred to any other committee
1297 without first having been voted upon by the House or Senate. Those
1298 carrying or requiring appropriations shall be referred first to the joint
1299 standing committee on Appropriations. The Appropriations committee
1300 shall, within two session days after such reference, report such bill or
1301 resolution back to the chamber in which the petition originated with
1302 either a favorable or unfavorable report thereon and the bill or
1303 resolution shall then be voted upon. In the event of a conflict between
1304 the report of the original committee and that of the Appropriations
1305 committee, the vote shall be on the report of the Appropriations
1306 committee.

1307 UNFAVORABLE REPORTS

1308 20. All bills and resolutions reported unfavorably shall first be
1309 printed under the supervision of the legislative commissioners, without
1310 correction and without their approval, and shall be in the files and on
1311 the calendar as if favorably reported but shall appear on the calendar
1312 under the heading "Unfavorable Reports". If the unfavorable report is
1313 rejected by the chamber of origin, the bill or resolution shall be returned
1314 to the legislative commissioners for their approval and reprinting in
1315 final form, except that in the case of an unfavorable report of the
1316 committee on executive and legislative nominations, or an unfavorable
1317 report of the committee on judiciary of a judicial nomination, a
1318 nomination of a workers' compensation commissioner or a nomination

1319 of a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the resolution shall
1320 not be returned to the legislative commissioners and may be acted upon
1321 immediately. If the bill or resolution is returned to the legislative
1322 commissioners after May 28, 2025, in the 2025 session or April 22, 2026,
1323 in the 2026 session, the legislative commissioners shall transmit the bill
1324 or resolution, with or without approval, to the clerk of the chamber from
1325 which it was received, not later than five calendar days after it is
1326 received. It shall then be in the files, with special marking on the
1327 calendar, as if favorably reported with a file number for two session
1328 days and starred for action on the session day next succeeding in the
1329 chamber of origin. If the unfavorable report is accepted by the chamber
1330 of origin, the bill or resolution shall be lost.

1331 When an unfavorable report is rejected by the first chamber and the
1332 bill is passed or the resolution adopted by that chamber, it shall then be
1333 in the files and on the calendar of the other chamber, but shall appear
1334 on the calendar under the heading "Unfavorable Reports".

1335 RECALL FROM OTHER CHAMBER FOR RECONSIDERATION

1336 21. No resolution or motion to recall a bill, resolution or other matter
1337 from the other chamber shall be allowed for the purpose of
1338 reconsideration or amendment after the time has elapsed for the
1339 reconsideration of any vote thereon except when there has clearly been
1340 a mistake in such vote or an error in the language of the bill, resolution
1341 or other matter.

1342 COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

1343 22. (a) *Appointment of Committee*. When one chamber rejects an
1344 amendment adopted by the other chamber, the bill or resolution shall
1345 be returned to the other chamber for further action. If that chamber
1346 readopts the rejected amendment, the readoption constitutes a matter
1347 for a committee of conference, and a committee of conference shall be
1348 appointed by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore. The
1349 committee of conference shall be comprised of three members from each

1350 chamber. If the vote has not been unanimous there shall be at least one
1351 member of the committee who was not on the prevailing side in such
1352 member's chamber, except that in all cases, at least one member in each
1353 chamber shall be a member of the minority party.

1354 (b) *Committee Reports.* The committee may propose any changes
1355 within the scope of the bill or resolution, but any action, including
1356 changes, taken by the committee shall be by a majority vote of the
1357 members of each chamber on the committee. The committee report shall
1358 be made to both chambers at the same time. The committee report shall
1359 contain the following information: The bill or resolution number and
1360 title, the members of the committee, the action of the committee,
1361 indicating the adoption or rejection of each House or Senate amendment
1362 previously adopted, identified by schedule letter, which accompanied
1363 the bill or resolution, the adoption of a new amendment, if any, and the
1364 signature of the members of the committee accepting or rejecting the
1365 report. A member's refusal to sign shall be deemed a rejection. Any new
1366 amendment shall be prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office
1367 and shall be attached to and made a part of the report and shall be
1368 identified by a schedule letter of the chamber which created the
1369 disagreeing action.

1370 (c) *Action by Chambers.* Each chamber shall vote to accept or reject
1371 the report. A vote by either chamber to accept the report of the
1372 committee shall be final action by that chamber on the bill or resolution.
1373 If both chambers vote to accept the report of the committee, the bill is
1374 passed or the resolution is adopted as of the time the last chamber votes
1375 to accept the report. If either chamber rejects the report of the committee,
1376 the bill or resolution is defeated and the second chamber shall not be
1377 required to consider the committee report. The report of the committee
1378 may be accepted or rejected, but it may not be amended.

1379 RETURN OF BILL FROM GOVERNOR OR LEGISLATIVE
1380 COMMISSIONERS

1381 23. Whenever a bill has passed both chambers and has been

1382 transmitted to the Governor for approval, or to the legislative
1383 commissioners for engrossing, if either chamber desires its return for
1384 further consideration, the General Assembly may, by resolution
1385 adopted by both chambers, appoint a joint committee of one senator and
1386 two representatives to be sent to the Governor or the commissioners to
1387 request the return of the bill. In the case of a bill transmitted to the
1388 Governor, if the Governor consents, and in the case of a bill transmitted
1389 to the legislative commissioners, the bill shall be returned first to that
1390 chamber in which the motion for its return originated, and the bill may
1391 then be altered or totally rejected by a concurrent vote of the two
1392 chambers; but, if not altered or rejected by concurrent vote, it shall be
1393 again transmitted to the Governor or the legislative commissioners, as
1394 the case may be, in the same form in which it was first presented to the
1395 Governor or the legislative commissioners.

1396 EXAMINATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1397 24. (a) *Examination and Correction.* All bills, and all resolutions
1398 proposing amendments to the constitution, when finally passed or
1399 adopted, shall be examined immediately by the legislative
1400 commissioners. If the legislative commissioners find that any correction
1401 should be made in the text, they shall report it to the committee on
1402 legislative management. If the committee believes that no correction
1403 should be made, it shall so inform the legislative commissioners. If the
1404 committee believes a correction should be made, it shall so inform the
1405 legislative commissioners who shall report the bill or resolution to the
1406 chamber which last took action upon it, with the proposed correction in
1407 the form of an amendment, within five calendar days, Sundays and
1408 holidays excepted, after its passage or adoption.

1409 (b) *Consideration of Proposed Correction.* The report shall be placed
1410 at the head of the calendar, and shall take precedence of all other
1411 business on the calendar; and the only question on the report shall be,
1412 "Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?" If the proposed
1413 amendment is adopted by both chambers, the bill or resolution shall

1414 stand as amended. If the proposed amendment is rejected by either
1415 chamber, the bill or resolution shall not be transmitted to the other
1416 chamber, but shall stand as originally passed or adopted. If, in the
1417 consequence of the adjournment of the General Assembly subject to
1418 reconvening for the consideration of vetoed bills or for any other reason,
1419 any bill or resolution which has been passed or adopted by both
1420 chambers fails to be amended as recommended by the commissioners,
1421 the bill or resolution shall stand as originally passed or adopted.

1422 ENGROSSING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1423 25. All bills, all resolutions proposing amendments to the constitution
1424 and all resolutions memorializing Congress when finally passed or
1425 adopted shall be engrossed under the direction of the legislative
1426 commissioners, and immediately thereafter shall be transmitted to the
1427 clerks. The legislative commissioners shall carefully compare all
1428 engrossed bills and resolutions with the bills and resolutions as finally
1429 passed or adopted, and a commissioner shall certify by his or her
1430 signature to the correctness of the engrossed copies. As soon as
1431 engrossed and certified, as herein provided, the bill or resolution and
1432 amendment shall be presented to the House and Senate clerks, who shall
1433 sign the engrossed and certified copies.

1434 TRANSMITTAL TO GOVERNOR

1435 26. (a) *Transmittal of Copy*. On the passage of a bill by both
1436 chambers, the clerk of the chamber last taking action thereon shall
1437 forthwith cause a copy to be sent to the Governor.

1438 (b) *Engrossed Bills and Resolutions*. Each bill and resolution, with
1439 the engrossed copy, shall be transmitted by the clerks of the House and
1440 Senate to the Secretary of the State as soon as it has been signed, as
1441 herein provided, and not later than the twelfth day after the expiration
1442 of the time allowed for reconsideration under the rules of the General
1443 Assembly, Sundays and legal holidays excepted; and the Secretary of
1444 the State shall forthwith present the engrossed copy of each bill to the

1445 Governor for approval.

1446 (c) *Records of Transmittal*. The Secretary of the State shall give the
1447 clerks a receipt for each bill or resolution, and shall notify them of the
1448 date and time at which each bill was presented to the Governor. The
1449 Secretary of the State shall give the Governor a receipt showing the date
1450 and time at which the Governor approved it or returned it to the
1451 Secretary of the State with a statement of his or her objections and shall
1452 notify the clerks of the dates and times. The clerks shall record the dates
1453 and times of presentation and approval or return in the journals of the
1454 House and Senate.

1455 (d) *Immediate Transmittal*. The chamber last taking action on a bill,
1456 before engrossing, may order immediate transmittal of the bill to the
1457 Governor, in which case the clerk of that chamber shall forthwith
1458 present the bill to the Governor, taking a duplicate receipt therefor
1459 showing the date and time at which the bill was deposited in the
1460 executive office, one of which receipts the clerk shall deliver to the
1461 Secretary of the State. Except as provided in this subsection, a bill shall
1462 be transmitted to the Governor only after engrossing.

1463 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS NOT REPORTED**

1464 27. Digital copies of all bills and joint resolutions not reported by
1465 committees shall be delivered to the Secretary of the State.

1466 **DISTURBANCES**

1467 28. (a) If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity
1468 in or about the State Capitol or the Legislative Office Building or the
1469 grounds thereof which, in the opinion of the President Pro Tempore and
1470 the Speaker of the House, may impede the orderly transaction of the
1471 business of the General Assembly or any of its committees, they may
1472 take whatever action they deem necessary to preserve and restore order.

1473 (b) The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker may take whatever
1474 action they deem necessary to preserve public health and maintain

1475 order, including prohibiting access to the Hall of the House, the Senate
1476 or the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building, except for the
1477 members, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
1478 authorized staff of the legislative, executive and judicial departments,
1479 authorized telecommunications personnel and authorized or
1480 credentialed members of the media.

1481 AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF RULES

1482 29. These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except by
1483 the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present in each chamber.

1484 Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day.

1485 Suspension of the rules shall be for a specified purpose. Upon
1486 accomplishment of that purpose, any rule suspended shall be again in
1487 force.

1488 RESTRICTIONS

1489 30. (a) *Smoking*. No person shall smoke in the State Capitol or
1490 Legislative Office Building.

1491 (b) *Nonpartisan Offices*. Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the
1492 Legislative Commissioners' Office, the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the
1493 Office of Legislative Research but not from the legislative library.

1494 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

1495 31. When a collective bargaining agreement, negotiated under the
1496 provisions of chapter 68 of the general statutes, or a supplemental
1497 understanding reached between the parties to such agreement, or an
1498 arbitration award resulting from an arbitration proceeding under that
1499 chapter, is submitted to the General Assembly for approval as provided
1500 in section 5-278 of the general statutes, the following procedures shall
1501 apply:

1502 (1) In the case of a collective bargaining agreement or supplemental

1503 understanding, the bargaining representative of the employer shall file
1504 one executed original and five photocopies of the agreement, or of the
1505 master agreement and individual working agreements or the
1506 supplemental understanding, and an electronic copy of such agreement
1507 or supplemental understanding to the clerk of the House, and one
1508 executed original, five photocopies and an electronic copy to the clerk
1509 of the Senate. In the case of an arbitration award, the bargaining
1510 representative of the employer shall file five photocopies of the original
1511 arbitration award, showing that the original award was signed by the
1512 arbitrator, and a statement setting forth the amount of funds necessary
1513 to implement the award, and an electronic copy of such award to the
1514 clerk of the House and to the clerk of the Senate. The bargaining
1515 representative of the employer shall file with such agreement,
1516 supplemental understanding or award: (A) A list of the sections of the
1517 general statutes or state agency regulations, if any, proposed to be
1518 superseded, and (B) the effective date and expiration date of the
1519 agreement, supplemental understanding or award. An agreement shall
1520 be deemed executed only when it has been approved, in the case of an
1521 executive branch employer, including the division of criminal justice, by
1522 the Governor's designee, in the case of a judicial branch employer, by
1523 the chief administrative officer or such officer's designee, and in the case
1524 of a segment of the system of higher education, the chairperson of the
1525 appropriate board of trustees, and by the executive committee or
1526 officers of the respective bargaining unit or units and has been ratified
1527 by the membership of such bargaining unit or units.

1528 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the
1529 agreement or supplemental understanding or the award shall be filed
1530 with the clerks, and the clerks shall stamp such agreement or
1531 supplemental understanding or award with the date of receipt and,
1532 within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays
1533 excepted, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of
1534 the Senate shall cause separate House and Senate resolutions to be
1535 prepared proposing approval of the agreement or supplemental
1536 understanding or, in the case of an award, separate House and Senate

1537 resolutions concerning the sufficiency of funds for implementation of
1538 the award. The agreement or supplemental understanding or the award
1539 shall be submitted to the General Assembly on the date that both such
1540 resolutions are filed with the clerks. Each resolution shall be given a first
1541 reading in the appropriate chamber. Resolutions proposing approval of
1542 a collective bargaining agreement or a supplemental understanding,
1543 together with a copy of the agreement or supplemental understanding,
1544 and resolutions concerning the sufficiency of funds for implementation
1545 of an arbitration award, together with a copy of the award, shall be
1546 referred to the committee on Appropriations. Any such resolution shall
1547 be considered in the possession of the committee on Appropriations
1548 upon referral of such resolution. With respect to each resolution referred
1549 to the committee on or before the deadline of the committee to report
1550 favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule shown in
1551 Rule 15, the committee shall hold a public hearing on each such
1552 resolution, and within fifteen days after the referral, shall report the
1553 appropriate resolutions approving or disapproving the agreement or
1554 supplemental understanding or concerning the sufficiency of funds for
1555 implementation of the award to the House and the Senate,
1556 notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15. If the Appropriations
1557 committee fails to take action within the time period set forth in this rule,
1558 the agreement or supplemental understanding shall nevertheless be
1559 deemed approved or, in the case of an award, the sufficiency of funds
1560 affirmed and the resolutions shall be reported to the House and the
1561 Senate as favorable reports.

1562 (B) If an agreement or supplemental understanding is reached or an
1563 arbitration award is made during the interim between sessions, the
1564 provisions of subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, as
1565 amended, shall apply.

1566 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read
1567 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate chamber.
1568 Copies of the master agreement and individual working agreements,
1569 identified by the resolution numbers, copies of the salary schedules and

1570 appendices, and copies of the arbitration awards, identified by the
1571 resolution numbers, and the statements setting forth the amount of
1572 funds necessary to implement the awards, shall be made available in the
1573 clerks' offices.

1574 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1575 agreement, supplemental understanding and award and a fiscal note
1576 both of which shall be upon the desks of the members, but not
1577 necessarily printed in the files, before the resolution is acted upon.

1578 (5) (A) The respective resolutions shall be in the files and on the
1579 calendar with a file number for two session days and shall be starred for
1580 action on the session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in
1581 accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the
1582 Senate shall vote to approve or reject each resolution proposing
1583 approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a supplemental
1584 understanding and each resolution concerning the sufficiency of funds
1585 for implementation of an arbitration award within thirty days after the
1586 date of the filing of the agreement, supplemental understanding or
1587 award with the clerks of the House and Senate.

1588 (B) The House and the Senate shall each permit not more than six
1589 hours of total time for debate of each such resolution. Those speaking in
1590 favor of such resolution shall be allocated not more than three hours of
1591 total time for debate, and those speaking in opposition to such
1592 resolution shall be allocated not more than three hours of total time for
1593 debate. A vote shall be taken on the resolution upon the conclusion of
1594 the debate.

1595 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this
1596 subdivision, if the debate on such resolution occurs during the last three
1597 days of the thirty-day period, the House and the Senate shall each
1598 permit not more than four hours of total time for debate of such
1599 resolution. Those speaking in favor of such resolution shall be allocated
1600 not more than two hours of total time for debate and those speaking in
1601 opposition to such resolution shall be allocated not more than two hours

1602 of total time for debate. A vote shall be taken on the resolution upon the
1603 conclusion of the debate.

1604 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when a resolution
1605 proposing approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a
1606 supplemental understanding or a resolution concerning the sufficiency
1607 of funds for implementation of an arbitration award is referred to the
1608 committee on Appropriations after the deadline of the committee to
1609 report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule
1610 shown in Rule 15, but was filed more than thirty days before the end of
1611 a regular session, the committee may act on such resolutions provided
1612 it reports such resolutions to the House and Senate not later than twelve
1613 days after such referral.

1614 (7) If the General Assembly is in regular session when an award,
1615 agreement or supplemental understanding is filed with the clerks, it
1616 shall vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or supplemental
1617 understanding within thirty days after the date of filing. If the General
1618 Assembly does not vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or
1619 supplemental understanding within such thirty days, the award,
1620 agreement or supplemental understanding shall be deemed rejected. If
1621 the regular session adjourns prior to such thirtieth day and the award,
1622 agreement or supplemental understanding has not been acted upon, the
1623 award, agreement or supplemental understanding shall be deemed to
1624 be filed on the first day of the next regular session.

1625 (8) (A) If an agreement is rejected, the matter shall be returned to the
1626 parties in accordance with section 5-278(b)(2)(A) of the general statutes.
1627 The parties may submit any award issued pursuant to arbitration
1628 initiated under said section 5-278(b)(2)(A) to the General Assembly for
1629 approval in the same manner as the rejected agreement. If the arbitration
1630 award is rejected by the General Assembly, the matter shall be returned
1631 again to the parties in accordance with said section 5-278(b)(2)(A). Any
1632 award issued pursuant to further arbitration initiated under said section
1633 5-278(b)(2)(A) shall be deemed approved by the General Assembly.

1634 (B) If an arbitration award, other than an award issued pursuant to
1635 section 5-278(b)(2)(A) of the general statutes, is rejected, the matter shall
1636 be returned to the parties in accordance with section 5-278(b)(2)(B) of
1637 the general statutes. Any award issued pursuant to further arbitration
1638 initiated under said section 5-278(b)(2)(B) shall be deemed approved by
1639 the General Assembly.

1640 AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS UNDER SECTION 3-125a

1641 32. When an agreement or stipulation is submitted to the General
1642 Assembly as provided in section 3-125a of the general statutes, the
1643 following procedures shall apply:

1644 (1) Six copies of the agreement or stipulation and an electronic copy
1645 of the agreement or stipulation shall be submitted to the clerk of the
1646 House, and six copies and an electronic copy to the clerk of the Senate.

1647 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the
1648 agreement or stipulation shall be stamped by the clerks with the date of
1649 receipt and, within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays, Sundays
1650 and holidays excepted, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro
1651 Tempore of the Senate shall cause separate House and Senate
1652 resolutions to be prepared proposing approval of the agreement or
1653 stipulation. Each resolution shall be given a first reading in the
1654 appropriate chamber. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker shall
1655 designate the committees of cognizance and the committees, if any, that
1656 will hold a public hearing on each agreement or stipulation. Each
1657 resolution, accompanied by the agreement or stipulation, shall be
1658 referred to the committees of cognizance, which shall report thereon.
1659 Any such resolution shall be considered in the possession of the
1660 committee of cognizance upon referral of such resolution.

1661 (B) If an agreement or stipulation is submitted during the interim
1662 between regular sessions, it shall be deemed to be submitted on the first
1663 day of the next regular session.

1664 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read
1665 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate chamber.

1666 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1667 agreement or stipulation and a fiscal note both of which shall be upon
1668 the desks of the members, but not necessarily printed in the files, before
1669 the resolution is acted upon.

1670 (5) The resolution shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file
1671 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the
1672 session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in accordance
1673 with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the Senate may
1674 vote to approve or reject each resolution within thirty days of the date
1675 of submittal of the agreement or stipulation.

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when an agreement or stipulation is referred to a committee of cognizance after the deadline of the committee to report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, but not later than the time of submission specified in subdivision (7) of this rule, the committee may act on such resolution provided it reports such resolution not later than twelve days after such referral.

1683 (7) Any agreement or stipulation submitted to the clerks within thirty
1684 days before the end of a regular session and not acted upon dispositively
1685 before the end of such session shall be deemed to be submitted on the
1686 first day of the next regular session.

1687 SPECIAL SESSIONS

1688 33. A majority of the total membership of each chamber shall be
1689 required for the calling of a special session by the General Assembly.

1690 INTERIM

34. (a) *Meetings*. During the interim between sessions, chairpersons of a committee may schedule meetings on any day. Notice of the date,

1693 time and place of committee meetings shall be given to the Office of
1694 Legislative Management. Any such meeting shall be conducted in a
1695 manner consistent with the provisions of Rule 5.

1696 (b) **Public Hearings.** A committee may hold subject matter public
1697 hearings on any subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed
1698 resolutions, and on committee and raised bills and resolutions. Notice
1699 of any public hearing shall be given, not later than ten calendar days
1700 before the hearing, to the Office of Legislative Management for
1701 appropriate publication by that office at least five calendar days in
1702 advance of the hearing. The notice shall contain the date, time, place and
1703 general subject matter of the hearing and the title of the bills or
1704 resolutions, if any, to be considered. In no event shall a bill or resolution
1705 be listed for a public hearing unless such bill or resolution has been
1706 posted on the General Assembly web site. Any such public hearing shall
1707 be conducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of Rule 6. For
1708 the purpose of meeting the hearing requirements under this subsection,
1709 the day of publication by the Office of Legislative Management and the
1710 day of the hearing shall both be counted as full days.

1711 (c) **Raised Bills-Hearing During Session Required.** During the interim
1712 between the 2025 and 2026 sessions, a committee may, on or after
1713 October 1, 2025, raise bills and resolutions for public hearing and
1714 consideration during such interim, but no such bill or resolution shall
1715 be reported by any committee unless a public hearing has been held
1716 during the 2026 session, as provided in Rule 6.

1717 **SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY**

1718 35. The sexual harassment policy set forth in section 2.2 of the
1719 Connecticut General Assembly Employee Handbook, as amended from
1720 time to time, is incorporated by reference in these rules.

1721 **COMPENSATION AWARDS FOR WRONGFUL**
1722 **INCARCERATION UNDER SECTION 54-102uu**

1723 36. When a compensation award for wrongful incarceration is
1724 submitted by the Claims Commissioner to the General Assembly as
1725 provided in section 54-102uu of the general statutes, the following
1726 procedures shall apply:

1727 (1) Six copies of the compensation award and an electronic copy of
1728 the compensation award shall be submitted to the clerk of the House,
1729 and six copies and an electronic copy to the clerk of the Senate.

1730 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the
1731 compensation award shall be stamped by the clerks with the date of
1732 receipt and, within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays, Sundays
1733 and holidays excepted, the clerks shall forward a copy of each
1734 compensation award to the committee on Judiciary, which shall be
1735 considered in the possession of the committee upon referral of such
1736 award. The committee on Judiciary shall hold a public hearing on such
1737 award and shall report as a joint resolution (i) the confirmation or denial
1738 of the compensation reward, or (ii) the remand of the claim for
1739 compensation to the Office of the Claims Commissioner for such further
1740 proceedings as the General Assembly may direct.

1741 (B) If any such compensation award is submitted during the interim
1742 between regular sessions, the award shall be deemed to be submitted on
1743 the first day of the next regular session.

1744 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported under
1745 subdivision (2) of this rule, shall be read in, and tabled for the calendar
1746 and printing, in the appropriate chamber.

1747 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1748 compensation award and a fiscal note both of which shall be upon the
1749 desks of the members, but not necessarily printed in the files, before the
1750 resolution is acted upon.

1751 (5) The resolution shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file
1752 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the

1753 session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in accordance
1754 with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the Senate may
1755 vote to approve or reject each resolution not later than forty-five days
1756 after the date of submittal of the compensation award. If the House and
1757 Senate fail to approve, deny or remand the compensation award, the
1758 determination made by the Claims Commissioner shall be deemed
1759 approved.

1760 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when a compensation
1761 award is referred to the committee on Judiciary after the deadline of the
1762 committee to report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the
1763 schedule shown in Rule 15, but not later than the time of submission
1764 specified in subdivision (7) of this rule, the committee may act on such
1765 compensation award, provided it reports such action in the form of a
1766 joint resolution.

1767 (7) Any compensation award submitted to the clerks within thirty
1768 days before the end of a regular session and not acted upon dispositively
1769 before the end of such session shall be deemed to be submitted on the
1770 first day of the next regular session.