



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
REP. GODFREY, 110th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5472 File No. 587 Cal. No. 388

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS AND CONCERNING A STUDY OF VIDEO COURT APPEARANCES BY DEFENDANTS."

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- 1 Strike section 7 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Correction,
- 3 Chief Court Administrator and Chief Public Defender, or their
- 4 designees, shall jointly study the concept of permitting or requiring a
- 5 defendant in a criminal matter who is in the custody of the
- 6 Department of Correction to attend hearings on motions in such
- 7 matter by means of video conference from the correctional facility in
- 8 which such defendant is being held. Such study shall consider (1)
- 9 which types of hearings could be attended by a defendant by means of
- 10 video conference, (2) how to maintain and secure sufficient video
- 11 conferencing capabilities to permit or require such defendants to
- 12 attend such hearings by means of video conference, and (3) any other
- 13 topic the commissioner, Chief Court Administrator and Chief Public
- 14 Defender, or their designees, deem relevant to such issues.

15 (b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Correction,
16 Chief Court Administrator and Chief Public Defender, or their
17 designees, shall jointly report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
18 general statutes, their findings pursuant to subsection (a) of this
19 section and recommendations for legislation, if any, to the joint
20 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
21 matters relating to the judiciary."