

May 24, 2000

**H 1681. LRC STUDY FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS. TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY WAYS TO DISCOURAGE THE FILING OF FRIVOLOUS CIVIL ACTIONS.** Requires Legislative Research Commission to study ways to discourage filing of frivolous civil actions, including desirability and feasibility of requiring or authorizing the unsuccessful party to pay the other party's attorney's fees, and to report its findings and recommendations to the 2001 General Assembly. Appropriates \$25,000 for 1999-2000 from General Fund to the Legislative Research Commission, to complete the study. Effective July 1, 2000.

**Intro. by Owens.**

Ref. to Rules	STUDIES, APPROP
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