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S 1046. STUDY SENTENCING AND PRISON OVERCROWDING. Filed 3/26/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENTENCING AND PRISON OVERCROWDING.* Establishes a 20-member committee cited in title. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Pro Tem. of the Senate each appoint ten members, including a co-chair. The Committee is to study the state's current sentencing laws, consider use of alternative punishments, and evaluate how those things contribute to the increasing number of incarcerations for nonviolent offenders. Specifies 12 items the Committee must consider, with most items focused on community corrections programs and treatment of nonviolent offenders. An interim report is due to the Regular 2010 Session and a final report is due by the convening of the 2011 General Assembly. Requires that the Committee terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2012 Regular Session, whichever is earlier. Effective July 1, 2009.
Intro. by Kinnaird. **STUDY**