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**S 972. STUDY PRISON OVERCROWDING/NONVIOLENT FELONIES.** Filed 3/25/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PRISON OVERCROWDING, INCARCERATION OF NONVIOLENT FELONS, AND MODIFIED SENTENCES.*

Creates the Joint Legislative Committee on Prison Overcrowding, Incarceration of Nonviolent Felons, and Modified Sentences Committee (Committee). Committee consists of 12 members, 6 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and 6 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Provides that the Committee must study the issues related to prison overcrowding, the State's policies and laws regarding incarceration of nonviolent felons, and the feasibility of modifying sentences for nonviolent offenses. The Committee may consider and evaluate policies and strategies to address these issues more effectively and to make the best use of the State's correctional facilities and resources while continuing to guard the public's safety. Requires the Committee to submit an interim report to the 2009 General Assembly, 2010 Regular Session and a final report to the 2011 General Assembly. The Committee terminates upon filing the final report or upon the convening of the 2011 General Assembly, whichever is earlier. Provides that the Legislative Services Commission may allocate monies to the Commission. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Rand.**

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