

## **Committee Charge**

**Judicial Efficiency and Effective Administration of Justice** - The LRC Committee on Judicial Efficiency and Effective Administration of Justice shall study the structure and needs of the State's judicial and prosecutorial districts. The Committee shall make recommendations on future judicial resource allocation. The study shall include the following:

- (1) Current and historical annual case volume in each district.
- (2) Funding requirement forecasts and actual allocations in each district.
- (3) Past case volume projections in each district as compared to actual case volume.
- (4) Volume of prosecuted cases per judge and per district attorney in each district.
- (5) Average number of hours worked by district administrative staff per case in each district.
- (6) Volume and statistical nature of costly criminal cases in each district in relation to statewide and national judicial averages.

Additionally, the Committee shall study issues related to the provision of effective and efficient administration of justice throughout the State's judicial system. This study shall include the following:

- (1) Operational inefficiencies in case scheduling and management at the District and Superior Court level.
- (2) National trends regarding improved judicial case scheduling and management.
- (3) Comparative salary information for clerks, district attorneys, judges and Highway Patrol officers in North Carolina.
- (4) The impact of discontinued scheduled step raises for young employees in the judicial system and State law enforcement agencies.
- (5) A process for designating cases as complex business cases and assigning them to business court judges, including the possibility of providing that appeals from complex business cases go directly to the Supreme Court.
- (6) Any other issues pertinent to this study.