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Bill Analysis

SB 1697 requires instead of requests that the Administrative Director submits the report relating to district courts to the Legislature by January 15 of each year. The measure also requires the Director to submit a report to the Legislature listing each case in which the Supreme Court or the Court of Civil Appeals considered a challenge to the constitutionality of or invalidated a statute passed by the Legislature. The report shall also detail the caseload of the Supreme Court, the Court of Civil Appeals, and the Court of Criminal Appeals as well as the total number of cases appealed to each court. Additionally, the report shall include each case decided by the Supreme Court in which a special justice took part in the decision. Management of the Judicial Nominating Commission, meetings of the Commission and the matters considered at each meeting, and judicial vacancies submitted to the Governor shall also be included in the report. The Director shall also submit information relating to ongoing legislation discussed by employees of the Administrative Office of the Courts and Justices of the Supreme Court. The report shall be submitted to the Legislature and certified under oath by the Director no later than October 15 of each year.

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