

HB 1217 -- INTERIM COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC FINES AND COURT COSTS

SPONSOR: Smith

This bill creates the interim committee on traffic fines and court costs to make recommendations as to the maximum amount of total annual revenue a municipality should be allowed to receive from fines and court costs for traffic violations, and whether the current restriction imposed is appropriate or the percentage should be raised or lowered.

The committee must visit certain municipalities identified by the state auditor as being subject to state audit for compliance with these restrictions during 2014 and 2015, and must conduct hearings to determine whether consolidation of neighboring municipalities would be beneficial.

The composition of the committee is specified and members must be appointed by September 15, 2015. The first meeting must be conducted by October 1, 2015, and the committee's report must be submitted to the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the appropriate legislative committee of the General Assembly regarding the results of the study and any legislative recommendations.