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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill provides that a defendant may waive the right to a jury trial with the approval of the court and consent of the prosecutor. The court may accept a defendant's waiver without the prosecutor's consent if requiring a jury would deprive the defendant of a fair trial.

Currently, pursuant to court rule, a defendant may waive a jury trial with the approval of the court.