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2025 House Committee on Rules Legislative Session Review

This document reports on the number of legislative items approved by the House Committee on Rules during the 2025 Legislative Session. It is important to note that final passage by both the House and Senate may yield different results. During this session, the House Committee on Rules approved 348 legislative items, including 322 bills and 26 resolutions sent to the House Floor. According to **Rule 33.1**, "The Committee on Rules shall arrange and fix the calendar for each day's business of each regular session of the General Assembly. Copies of such calendar shall be printed and made available to the members of the House as quickly as is practicable following the setting of the calendar."

Rule 33.2 "In arranging and fixing the calendar for each day's business, the Committee on Rules is authorized to place on each measure to come before the House any of the following special rules:

- (a) Open Rule - Germane amendments may be offered in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.
- (b) Modified Open Rule - Germane amendments may be offered subject only to an overall time limit on the amendment process, and a requirement that the amendments be preprinted and placed upon the desk one hour prior to debate.
- (c) Modified Structured Rule - Germane amendments may be offered after being approved by the Committee on Rules. This rule may preclude amendments to a particular portion of the bill, although other parts of the bill may be open to amendment.
- (d) Structured Rule - No amendments may be offered. There is a strong presumption against Structured Rules."

The Committee approved 277 legislative items under the Modified Structured Rule, 39 under the Structured Rule, and 32 under the Modified Open Rule. No items were approved under the Open Rule. The Committee also approved 78 bills for a House Floor vote on Crossover Day (Legislative Day 28). Of the legislation approved by the Committee, approximately 9% received a Modified Open Rule, 11% received a Structured Rule, and 80% were approved under the Modified Structured Rule (see Figure 2). A total of 198 general legislative items passed through both the House and Senate chambers. Over the last five legislative days of the session, an average of about 16 bills were approved each day (see Figure 3). Additionally, the House Rules Committee approved 41 Rules Substitutes.

Figure one shows the top standing committees that received the most approved legislation, which is as follows:

1. Ways and Means (38 bills)
2. Judiciary (32 bills)
3. Education (26 bills)
4. Judiciary Non-Civil and Health (23 bills)
5. Motor Vehicles (20 bills)

Figure 1.

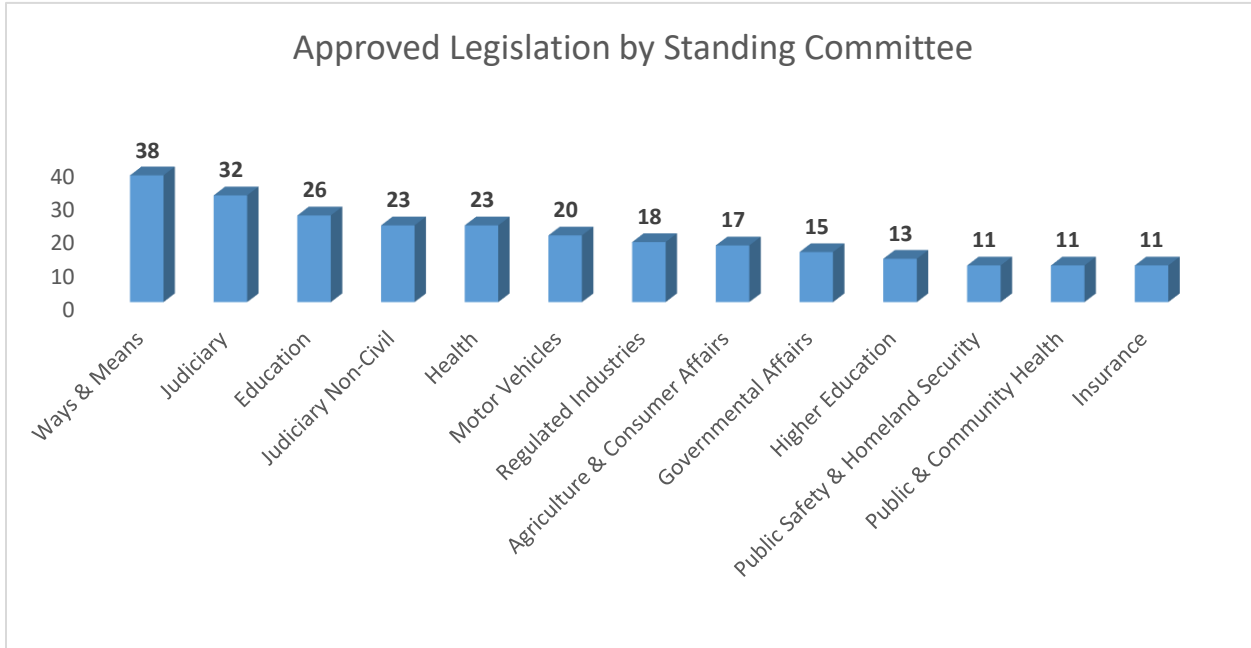


Figure 2.

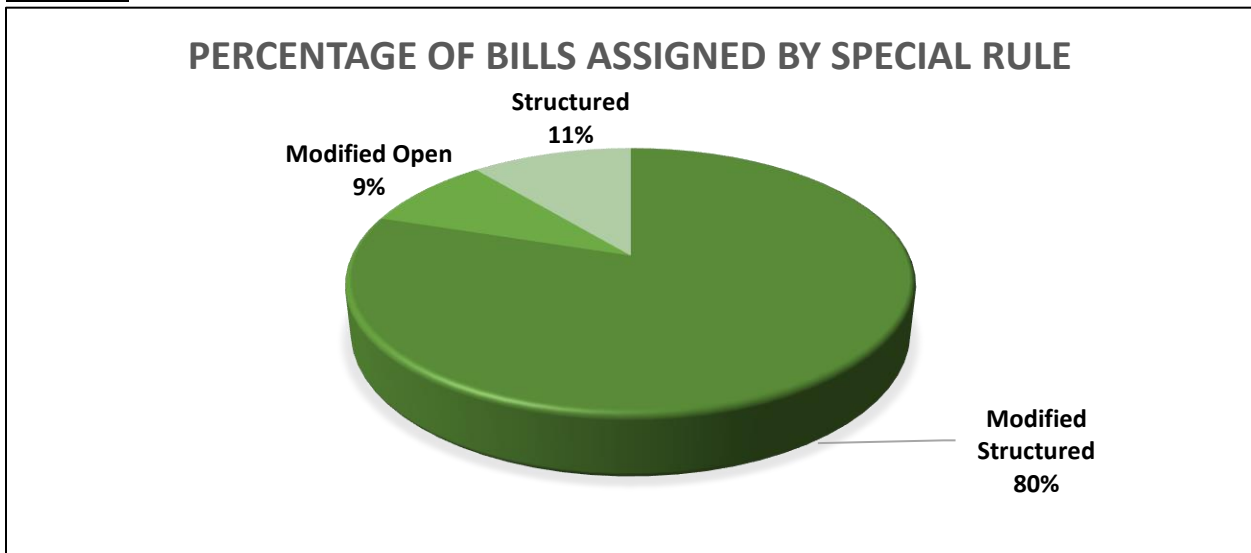


Figure 3.

