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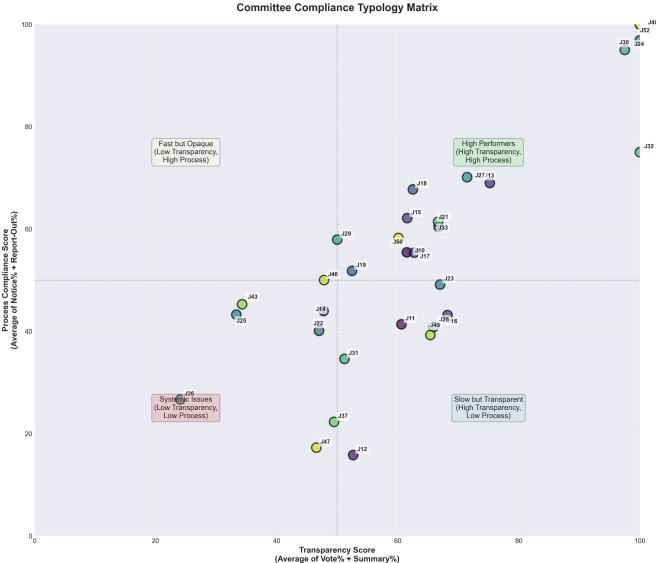
This brief studies how individual committees compare on matters of procedural compliance (adherence to deadlines) and transparency compliance (posting documentation) in the 194th General Court (2025-26). The goal is to highlight measurable trends and differences to better understand where and how compliance breaks down. This analysis provides a structured way to assess and quantify committee performance on these two major axes.

Key findings:

- 1. There are clear clusters of committees that score highly on both procedural and transparency requirements, as well as a small subset that under-performs on both, highlighting substantial differences in committee workflow patterns.
- 2. Only a handful of committees maintain consistently high performance across both dimensions, a smaller group falls behind in both, and the majority occupy a broad middle range between them.
- 3. Committees with high compliance in one dimension tend to score highly in the other as well. However, meaningful exceptions show that these metrics can vary independently.

These results reflect structural patterns in committee workflows rather than judgments about intent, legislative content, or quality of work.

Figure 1: This matrix plots transparency (vote and summary postings) on one axis, and procedural compliance (advance hearing notice and report-out deadlines) on the other.



Key (J = "Joint Committee on"):

J10: Municipalities and Regional Government

J11: Financial Services

J12: Economic Development and Emerging Technologies

J13: Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities

J14: Education J15: Election Laws

J16: Public Health

J17: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

J18: Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery J19: the Judiciary

J21: Environment and Natural Resources

J22: Public Safety and Homeland Security

J23: Public Service

J24: Health Care Financing

J25: State Administration and Regulatory Oversight J26: Revenue

J27: Transportation

J28: Housing

J29: Higher Education

J30: Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development

J31: Veterans and Federal Affairs

J32: Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets

J33: Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity

J34: Racial Equity, Civil Rights, and Inclusion J37: Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy

J39: Ways and Means

J40: Rules

J43: Labor and Workforce Development J45: Agriculture and Fisheries

J46: Aging and Independence

J47: Community Development and Small Businesses

J50: Cannabis Policy J52: Emergency Preparedness and Management

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Analysis based on bill-level metadata scraped from official public legislative sources as of December 6, 2025 using version 1.2.0 of the Tracker.

Vote and summary presence reflects only what is posted and detectable on public bill pages; no inference is made about committee procedure or intent.

Deadline compliance is computed using a chronology-based algorithm applied consistently across all cases; irregularities in the underlying data make the resulting values standardized

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