

## **SENATE BILL SUMMARY**

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### SB 1448 Expert Witnesses by Senator Wise

Revises requirements for admission of expert testimony. Provides that facts or data that are otherwise inadmissible shall not be disclosed to a jury unless the court determines that the probative value of the facts or data in assisting the jury to evaluate the expert's opinion substantially outweighs the prejudicial effect of disclosing the facts or data.

Provides for a pretrial hearing to determine whether an expert's proposed testimony satisfies specified requirements. Provides a standard for appellate review. Provides for interlocutory appeal of a ruling to admit or exclude expert testimony.

Requires courts to interpret specified provisions consistently with specified Federal Rules of Evidence and United States Supreme Court opinions. (See bill for details)