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House Bill 5421 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Terry Geiger
House Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to create the "State Court Information Management Commission" as a temporary commission with a life of no more than two years. The Commission would be an autonomous entity within the Legislative Council and would have to make a detailed recommendation to the Supreme Court, the Legislature, and the Governor regarding the design, implementation, and operation of a computerized information management system. The system would have to allow data to be relayed between all Michigan courts, and would have to be compatible with the information management systems of the Departments of State, State Police, Social Services (DSS), Management and Budget (DMB), and Treasury, as well as the Law Enforcement Information Network, the Office of the Friend of the Court, county prosecuting attorneys, and any other agency or entity designated by the Commission. The Legislature, by statute, would have to designate the appropriate body to implement the Commission's recommendations.

The Commission would consist of two members of the Senate; two members of the House of Representatives; the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or a justice appointed by the Chief Justice; one judge each from the Court of Appeals, the circuit court, the probate court, and the district court; a local court administrator; a person serving as a Friend of the Court; one county clerk; the Director of the DMB or a designee; the Secretary of State or a designee responsible for driver and vehicle records; the Director of the Department of State Police or a designee; the Director of the DSS or a designee; the State Treasurer or a designee; the president of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, or his or her designee; and three at-large members. The Supreme Court justice would serve as the Commission's chairperson. Members of the Commission would serve without compensation, but could be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

The Commission would have to comply with the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in additional costs depending on the level of support required of the Legislative Council.

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