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Senate Bill 728 (as introduced 10-17-01)  
Sponsor: Senator Valde Garcia  
Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to require that a court immediately state in writing the specific reasons for issuing or refusing to issue a personal protection order (PPO) restraining or enjoining stalking activity. If a hearing were held, the court immediately would have to state on the record the specific reasons for issuing or refusing to issue a stalking PPO.

The RJA allows an individual to petition the family division of circuit court to enter a PPO to restrain or enjoin another individual from engaging in conduct that is prohibited as stalking under the Michigan Penal Code. Currently, if a court refuses to grant a stalking PPO, it must immediately state in writing the specific reasons for refusal. If a hearing is held, the court immediately must state on the record the specific reasons it refuses to issue a PPO. Under the bill, the requirement that the court state in writing and put on the record its reasons would apply to both issuing and refusing to issue a stalking PPO.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The State Court Administrative Office states that the bill would result in additional processing time for personal protection orders.

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