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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 5273 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Marc Coriveau  
House Committee: Judiciary  
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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to do all of the following:

- Create a three-year DWI/sobriety court interlock pilot project beginning on January 1, 2011, for individuals convicted of two or more violations of operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired.
- Require a participating DWI/sobriety court judge to certify to the Secretary of State that a person seeking a restricted license had been admitted to a DWI/sobriety court and that an interlock device had been placed on each vehicle owned or operated by that person.
- Require a DWI/sobriety court judge to inform the Secretary of State if the court removed a participant from the program or the participant committed certain violations.
- Require the Secretary of State to suspend or revoke a restricted license if he or she received notification of a violation from the court.
- Require DWI/sobriety courts participating in the pilot project to report annually to the Legislature, the Secretary of State, and the Supreme Court.

The bill would define "DWI/sobriety courts" as the specialized court programs established within judicial circuits and districts throughout Michigan that are designed to reduce recidivism among alcohol offenders and that comply with the 10 guiding principles of DWI courts as promulgated by the National Center for DWI Courts.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 795, which would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to issue a restricted license to a person if his or her license were suspended or revoked for 45 days, he or she were admitted into a DWI/sobriety court program, and an ignition interlock device had been installed on each motor vehicle he or she owned or operated.

Proposed MCL 600.1084

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are currently 87 Drug Treatment Courts in Michigan, 23 of which are DWI/Sobriety Courts. The Michigan Drug Court program is administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) and provides funding to 18 of the 23 DWI Courts. A total of \$474,900 was awarded to DWI Courts in FY 2009-10. In addition, \$490,000 was awarded to 10 DWI Courts through the Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant Program, also administered by the SCAO.

The State Court Administrative Office states that it would incur programming costs of approximately \$10,000.

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