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Senate Bill 718 (as introduced 1-15-20)
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Committee: Judiciary and Public Safety

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to modify and delete certain provisions allowing the Michigan State Police (MSP) to establish a pilot program in Michigan counties for roadside drug testing.

Section 625t of the Code allows the Michigan State Police to establish a pilot program in five counties in the State for roadside drug testing to determine whether an individual is operating a vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance in violation of Section 625.

The bill would delete the language referring to five counties.

The Code requires the MSP, except as otherwise provided, to select five counties in which to implement a pilot program. A county is eligible to participate if it has a law enforcement agency within its boundary, including an MSP post, a sheriff's department, or a municipal police department, that employs at least one law enforcement officer who is a certified drug recognition expert. After the conclusion of a pilot program, the MSP may, subject to appropriation, establish additional pilot programs in eligible counties not included among the five counties initially selected. The duration of a pilot program is for one year.

The bill would delete these provisions.

The Act requires the MSP, within 90 days after the conclusion of a pilot program, to submit a report to the Senate and House of Representative legislative committees with primary responsibility for judicial and criminal justice issues. The report must include the different types of law enforcement agencies in the pilot program participant counties that engaged in roadside drug testing and relevant statistical data.

The report also must include how the pilot program participant counties were selected. The bill would delete this requirement.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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