

# Legislative Analysis

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## CREATE TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION

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**House Bill 4613 As Reported by Committee**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Rob VerHeulen**  
**Committee: Appropriations**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4613 would create the Trial Court Funding Commission within the Department of Treasury. The commission would be charged with reviewing and recommending changes to the trial court funding system, to include reviewing and recommending changes to methods by which courts impose and allocate fees and costs, suggesting statutory changes necessary to make recommended changes, and filing a final report regarding commission activities. The report would be required to include the results of the commission's review, recommendations for changes, and recommendations for further legislative action. The report would be required to be filed no later than two years after the bill takes effect and the bill would take effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

The bill would require the commission to consist of the following 14 members: two members appointed by the State Bar of Michigan, one member appointed by the Michigan Municipal League, one member appointed by the Michigan Townships Association, one member appointed by the Michigan Association of Counties, one member appointed by the State Court Administrative Office, two members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two members appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, one member appointed by the Michigan Judges Association, and one member appointed by the Michigan District Judges Association.

The first meeting of the commission would be required to be called within 30 days after members are appointed. Business of the commission would be required to be conducted at public meetings held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267. Members of the commission would serve without compensation, but would be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of the commission.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the state and would depend solely on the number of meetings held and subsequent reimbursement requests made by commission members for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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