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**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 661** HLS 23RS 2969  
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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Supreme Court		
<b>Subject:</b> Evaluation of Judges; Uniform Data Reporting Standards		<b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge

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 Provides relative to the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana

Under current law, the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court is responsible for evaluating the need for the creation of new judgeships and judicial officials. Proposed law requires the Judicial Council to also review whether judgeships or judicial offices should be eliminated and submit recommendations to the legislature.

Proposed law requires the Supreme Court in consultation with the Clerk of Courts to adopt procedural and administrative rules to establish uniform data reporting standards for all case filings and adjudications and requires the Clerks of Court to report all requested data to the council.

Proposed law requires the Judiciary Commission to publish its membership and meeting schedule on its public website.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$42,376	\$65,778	\$74,806	\$79,271	\$87,087	<b>\$349,318</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an increase in SGF expenditures for the Supreme Court for a data analyst to establish and maintain a uniform data reporting standard for all case filings and adjudications. The Supreme Court reports that this would be a part time position and would start in January of 2024. The table below presents the personnel, operating, and equipment costs estimated by the Supreme Court.

	<b>FY 24</b>	<b>FY 25</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 28</b>
Personnel Costs	\$35,931	\$61,496	\$70,267	\$74,459	\$78,950
Operating Costs	\$2,000	\$2,120	\$2,247	\$2,382	\$2,525
Equipment Costs	<u>\$4,445</u>	<u>\$2,162</u>	<u>\$2,292</u>	<u>\$2,430</u>	<u>\$5,612</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,376</b>	<b>\$65,778</b>	<b>\$74,806</b>	<b>\$79,271</b>	<b>\$87,087</b>

The personnel costs include salary estimation at \$75,000 annually, plus related benefits and parking expenses. Because this is a part-time position, the Supreme Court estimates 0.5 FTE at an annual salary of \$37,500. In FY 24, personnel costs are further reduced due to the starting date of January 2024 (\$18,750 salary + \$15,645 related benefits + \$1,536 parking). The operating expenses include office supplies and membership dues (\$500 in FY 24 with a 6% increase in the out-years to account for inflation) and travel costs (\$1,500 with a 6% increase in the out-years to account for inflation). The equipment costs include the purchase of hardware in FY 24 (\$2,405) and replacement hardware in FY 28 (\$3,036), and licensing, software, and cellular expenses (\$2,040 in FY 24 with a 6% increase in the out-years to account for inflation).

Proposed law may also increase costs to the Clerks of Court for programming and additional labor required in moving to a uniform data reporting system. These costs are indeterminable at this time.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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