

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The proposed CS to HB 1022X creates the Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation (OJPE) within the Council of Judicial Complaints (CJC). The office is tasked with providing training to the council, conducting surveys, conducting public education efforts, and collecting and reviewing data related to judicial performance. The measure establishes uniform criteria and procedures for the OJPE staff to conduct statewide judicial performance evaluations, which are then submitted to the CJC for approval or rejection. The allowed evaluation criteria includes: integrity, legal knowledge, communication skills, judicial temperament, administrative performance, and services to the legal profession. For every newly appointed judge or justice, the office must conduct an initial evaluation followed by a subsequent interim evaluation within two years of the approval of the initial evaluation. The office is also tasked with conducting retention-year evaluations for every justice or judge who is up for a retention election.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure creates the Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation within the Council on Judicial Complaints. According to the Council, the Office will require One Million Six Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,655,000.00) to operate.

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Other Considerations

None.