

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 4078
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	8615
Author:	Rep. Wallace
Date:	3/8/2022
Impact:	Ongoing appropriations = \$1,185,000
	One-time costs = \$200,000
	FY-2023 Total = \$1,385,000

Research Analysis

HB4078, as introduced, creates the Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation within the Council of Judicial Complaints. The measure establishes uniform criteria and procedures to conduct statewide judicial performance evaluations, which are then submitted to the council for approval or rejection. The measure also requires the office to post certain information regarding evaluation results on its website to inform the electorate within certain dates prior to a retention election for a justice or judge.

For every newly appointed judge or justice, an initial evaluation is required 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 evaluation for every justice or judge who is up for a retention election.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure, as introduced, would create the Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation within the Council on Judicial Complaints. The measure describes the duties, powers, and responsibilities of this new office.

Upon review and with consultation from the Council on Judicial Complaints, passage of the measure will have a fiscal impact to the state. The measure would create an ongoing need of \$1,185,000 in additional appropriations for the Council on Judicial Complaints. An additional \$200,000 in one-time startup costs would also require additional appropriations to the Council.

These figures assume six additional FTE, and include salary and operations costs.

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Other Considerations

None.

