



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 40

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund Sponsor: Representative Jim Hill

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House Bill 40 as introduced would revise the compensation retired justices or judges (appeals, circuit, and district) receive when called to interim active duty status to be \$780 per day, for up to 50 days in a calendar year. This bill would increase the annual obligations of the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) by an undetermined amount dependent on the difference in the current compensation paid to any such judge or justice and the compensation provided by this bill. The estimated maximum annual compensation of a judge or justice called to active interim duty status pursuant to this bill would be \$39,000. This bill would further increase the obligations of AOC by an undetermined amount dependent on the amount of per diem and mileage paid to any retired judge or justice recalled to active service pursuant to this bill.

In addition, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of the Chief Justice and/or the AOC to 1) certify the need in a circuit where an interim active duty judge would serve based on the most recent weighted caseload study; and 2) adopt policies and procedures for nominations to the Chief Justice and duties assigned to interim active duty status justices and judges.