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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bills 435 through 438 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker  
Committee: Judiciary

**CONTENT**

Senate Bills 435, 437, and 438 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require drug treatment and DWI/sobriety courts, mental health courts, and veterans treatment courts, respectively, and circuit or district courts that sought to adopt or institute those types of specialty courts, beginning January 1, 2018, to be certified by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO); and prohibit those courts from performing certain functions or receiving funding unless they were certified.

Senate Bill 436 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to modify the definition of "DWI/sobriety court" (in a section governing the issuance of a restricted license) to specify that, beginning January 1, 2018, the term would include only a DWI/sobriety court that was certified by the SCAO).

MCL 600.1062 & 600.1084 (S.B. 435)  
257.304 (S.B. 436)  
600.1091 (S.B. 437)  
600.1201 (S.B. 438)

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate Bills 435, 437, and 438 would have no significant fiscal impact on State or local government. Specialty court certification would require some additional administrative costs, including increased travel and staff time. The State Court Administrative Office estimates the additional cost at approximately \$60,000 per year, which would be provided for within existing appropriations.

Senate Bill 436 would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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