

HCS HB 90 -- COURT OPERATIONS (Veit)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Judiciary

This bill provides that any unexpended balance remaining in the Statewide Court Automation Fund shall be transferred to General Revenue on September 1, 2029, rather than September 1, 2023, as provided in current law. The bill also adds two municipal employees who work full time in a municipal division of the court to the Court Automation Committee. Additionally, the court fee collected for the Statewide Court Automation Fund shall expire on September 1, 2029, rather than September 1, 2023. Finally, this bill repeals the provision requiring the Court Automation Committee to complete its duties by September 1, 2025, and repeals the expiration date for the provision establishing the Statewide Court Automation Fund and the Court Automation Committee.

The bill modifies the annual salary of a court reporter for a circuit judge by providing a percentage based increase for each court reporter's cumulative years of service with the circuit court plus an additional percentage increase taking into account the previous range of years of service, as specified in the bill.

The bill also repeals the provision stating that a court reporter may receive multiple adjustments as his or her years of service increase, but that only 1% increase shall apply to the annual salary at a time.

The bill also provides that, beginning August 28, 2023, pleadings, attachments, or exhibits filed with the court in any case, as well as judgments issued by the court, must not include any personal information of a minor and, if applicable, any next friend. However, such information must be provided in a confidential filing sheet, which will not be subject to public inspection or availability.

The bill repeals provisions relating to the Missouri Postconviction Drug Treatment Program, a correctional program for the monitoring, control, and treatment of certain drug abuse offenders.