HOUSE BILL NO. 5440

October 20, 2021, Introduced by Reps. LaGrand, Steven Johnson, Brann, Young, Hood, Sowerby, Rogers, Aiyash, Kuppa, Stone, Whitsett and Yancey and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled
"The code of criminal procedure,"

(MCL 760.1 to 777.69) by adding section 6f to chapter V.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER V

Sec. 6f. (1) In making its determination of risk when setting

bond under section 6 of this chapter, the court may consider

information provided by an actuarial risk assessment instrument

that has been approved for use in pretrial release decision making

- by the state court administrative office under this section for use
 in that court.
- 3 (2) A county or court may request approval of an actuarial
 4 risk assessment instrument used for pretrial release decision
 5 making from the state court administrative office. The state court
 6 administrative office shall make a determination on a request under
 7 this subsection within 90 days and approve or deny the request as
 8 follows:
- 9 (a) If the state court administrative office determines that 10 the instrument is validated and appropriate for pretrial release 11 decision making, it shall approve the request, and the county or 12 court may use the actuarial risk assessment instrument for the 5 13 years immediately following the approval. After 5 years have 14 elapsed from the date of approval, the county or court shall not 15 use the instrument unless the instrument is revalidated and 16 resubmitted by the county or court to the state court 17 administrative office and it is approved under this section.
 - (b) If the state court administrative office determines the instrument has not been validated or is not appropriate for pretrial release decision making, it shall deny the request, and the county or court may not use the actuarial risk assessment instrument. If the county or court subsequently validates the assessment, the county or court may resubmit a request for approval.

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- (3) If the state court administrative office determines that an actuarial risk assessment instrument is appropriate for pretrial release decision making and is validated for use on a statewide population, it may approve the instrument for statewide use.
 - (4) Before approving an instrument for use under subsection

- 1 (2) or (3), the state court administrative office shall consult
- 2 with relevant stakeholders, which may include all of the following:
- 3 (i) District court judges.
- 4 (ii) Circuit court judges.
- 5 (iii) Prosecutors.
- 6 (iv) Defense attorneys.
- 7 (v) Law enforcement agencies.
- 8 (vi) The Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention and 9 treatment board.
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- 10 (vii) The Michigan coalition to end domestic and sexual
- 11 violence.
- 12 (viii) Other relevant advocacy organizations.
- 13 (5) If the state court administrative office denies the
- 14 request under subsection (2), a county or court has the right to
- 15 make an immediate appeal to the state court administrator. Based on
- 16 the available evidence, the state court administrator may affirm or
- 17 overrule the state court administrative office's denial of the
- 18 request.
- 19 (6) As used in this section:
- 20 (a) "Appropriate for pretrial release decision making" means
- 21 that an actuarial risk assessment instrument has been shown to be
- 22 unbiased on the basis of race, gender, and socioeconomic status.
- 23 (b) "Validated" means that an actuarial risk assessment
- 24 instrument has been determined to accurately predict risk of
- 25 nonappearance, to public safety, or both in the pretrial context in
- 26 the population in which the instrument will be used.
- 27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 28 after the date it is enacted into law.