

**21A.350 Weighted caseload analysis of need to increase, decrease, or rearrange circuits or districts or reallocate judges -- Certification of necessity.**

- (1) Beginning in 2020 and every eight (8) years thereafter, the Supreme Court may direct the Administrative Office of the Courts to perform a weighted caseload analysis to determine the need to reduce, increase, or rearrange the Commonwealth's judicial circuits and districts, to reallocate the assignment of judges, or to modify the number of judges relative to their respective populations or caseloads. This analysis shall include caseload totals by case type and case weight and the total number of judges necessary for the Commonwealth's judicial circuits and districts.
- (2) The Supreme Court shall submit any weighted caseload analysis performed under subsection (1) of this section to the General Assembly by December 31 of the year in which the analysis is performed. If the analysis indicates a need to reduce, increase, or rearrange the judicial circuits or districts, to reallocate the assignment of judges, or to modify the number of judges due to population or caseload changes, a certification of necessity shall be submitted as required by Sections 112 and 113 of the Constitution of Kentucky, which may include a proposed redrawing of circuit or district boundaries, reallocation of the assignment of judges, or modification of the number of judges.

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