

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1548
Version:	Engrossed
Request Number:	
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Impact:	No direct fiscal impact anticipated

Research Analysis

SB 1548 allows each county to establish a drug court program through an administrative contract between the board of county commissioners and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For drug court programs that encompass more than one county, a single contract may be executed by the board of county commissioners in the county receiving payment. The measure allows the board of county commissioners to designate the drug court coordinator and other drug court staff. The measure allows juvenile drug courts to be established in the same manner. Each drug court is to develop agreed-upon, objective eligibility criteria to determine presumptive drug court eligibility for offenders. Notification must be provided to victims if the offender involved in the crime seeks to participate in the program. Additionally, the measure requires any offender admitted to the drug court program for a crime which requires the offender to attend a batterers' intervention program to continue attending the intervention program as a condition of participating in the drug court. The coordinator shall file a form with the district attorney if a person wishes to be voluntarily placed in the program as well as keep a record of all presumptively eligible offenders who are not placed in the drug court program.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure, as engrossed, would transfer the administrative functions of drug courts from district courts to counties. The measure would require county commissioners to enter into contracts with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for drug court programs in counties that offer one. The measure would allow counties to subcontract with a court services subcontractor for administrative services.

Upon review, no direct fiscal impact is anticipated from passage of the measure. Since the measure transfers administrative responsibility from state-funded district courts to counties, no additional state expenditures are anticipated from passage of the measure. Drug court revenues are already kept at the county level.

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Other Considerations

None.

