

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1548 provides that each county, instead of its district attorney, may establish a drug court program. The measure also provides that a juvenile court program may be established. The measure strikes language leaving the decision of whether an offender is eligible to participate in the program to the discretion of the district attorney and instead directs the district attorney to determine any statutory prohibitions on the offender that prevents participation. The measure also directs each drug court 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.

**House Amendments**

HA's to the measure strikes language authorizing the board of county commissioners to enter into a contract with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to establish and maintain the program.

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