

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 348  
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Judiciary  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently the Health and Safety Code requires courts having jurisdiction over emergency detention or court ordered treatment proceedings of a chemically dependent person to be open at all times for such proceedings.

SB 348 allows courts with jurisdiction over emergency detention or court ordered treatment proceedings to be open during normal business hours, but requires the probate judge to be available to conduct proceedings at all times at the request of a detainee or proposed patient subject to court ordered treatment.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

The bill amends Section 462.0025 of the Health and Safety Code to require the courts to be open only during normal business hours. Subsection (b) requires the probate judge or magistrate to be available at all times at the request of a person taken into custody, detained or proposed to be made a patient under court ordered treatment.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Immediately if necessary vote received, otherwise September 1, 2005