

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 633
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Corrections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

According to the National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors, drug court programs have a positive, productive impact on offenders and have reduced the rate of recidivism by up to 44 percent. Unfortunately, drug court programs are unavailable to a significant portion of the population of Texas.

S.B. 633 authorizes small Texas counties to partner with other small counties to establish a drug court program in the counties' region.

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

S.B. 633 amends the Health and Safety Code to reduce from three to two the minimum number of counties or municipalities necessary to establish a regional drug court program.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2009.