

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1655
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the current process through which incidents of domestic violence or an offense against the person committed by members of certain military forces are reported to military officials could be simplified. H.B. 1655 seeks to remedy this situation by changing certain reporting procedures.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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

H.B. 1655 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to replace the staff judge advocate at Joint Force Headquarters with the staff judge advocate general as one of the persons to whom the clerk of a court in which a conviction or deferred adjudication is entered in a criminal case against a defendant who is a member of the state military forces or is serving in the U.S. armed forces in an active-duty status for the commission of an offense that constitutes family violence or an offense against the person may provide the required written notice of the conviction or deferred adjudication as soon as possible after the date on which the defendant is convicted or granted deferred adjudication on the basis of such an offense.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.