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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 534 |
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| Criminal Jurisprudence |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been noted that emergency service dispatchers are often exposed to situations that could potentially lead to work-related mental health issues and should be eligible for the treatment court program available to certain public safety employees. H.B. 534 extends eligibility to participate in such a program to emergency service dispatchers. |
| **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. 534 amends the Government Code to include an emergency service dispatcher of the state or a political subdivision of the state among the public safety employees who may qualify to participate in a public safety employees treatment court program. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |