

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2481** by Metcalf (Relating to the administration of a veterans treatment court program.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code to allow a veterans treatment court program to transfer responsibility for supervising a defendants participation in a program to another veterans court treatment program in a county adjacent to the county where a defendant resides. The bill would also allow a court to place a defendant in a pending criminal case in a veterans court program in a county adjacent to the county where the defendants resides.

The bill would amend the Government Code to permit a county commissioner's court to establish a Juvenile Family Drug Court Program.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, the Veterans Commission, the Office of the Governor, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Department of Family and Protective Services, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, or September 1, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**     212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 300 Truusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 403 Veterans Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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