

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**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 Engrossed**

**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.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Veterans Commission, 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, 403 Veterans Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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