

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable James White, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

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

**IN RE: HB3978** by Gutierrez (Relating to a defendant making a specified donation in lieu of working a specified number of hours at a community service project.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow a judge to order a defendant to make a specified donation to a non-profit organization that supports drug courts in the county instead of requiring the defendant to complete community service hours.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, 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

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