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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 454 |
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| Juvenile Justice & Family Issues |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Concerns have been raised about how the odds of a successful outcome for a child with a pending juvenile court case may be negatively impacted by the child residing with a family member experiencing substance abuse issues. H.B. 454 seeks to address this issue by authorizing a county to establish a juvenile family drug court program designed to connect individuals residing in the home of a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case with substance abuse treatment options if applicable. |
| **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. 454 amends the Government Code to authorize the commissioners court of a county to establish a juvenile family drug court program for individuals who are suspected by the Department of Family and Protective Services or the court of having a substance abuse problem and who reside in the home of a child who is the subject of a case filed under the juvenile justice code. The bill prescribes certain essential characteristics of a juvenile family drug court program and authorizes such a program to require a participant to pay the cost of all treatment and services received while participating in the program, based on the participant's ability to pay. The bill requires a county that creates a juvenile family drug court to explore the possibility of using court improvement project money, as well as the availability of federal and state matching money, to finance the court. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2021. |