BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1831 By: Rogers Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that there is no mechanism through which a county or district court clerk may carry over completed continuing education course hours from one year to the next. Due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a national or state emergency declaration, a clerk may not be able to obtain the required annual continuing education course hours. As such, there have been calls to provide these clerks the same continuing education rollover mechanism available to county commissioners and treasurers. H.B. 1831 seeks to address this issue by authorizing a court clerk to carry over to the next calendar year a maximum of 10 hours of completed continuing education courses.

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. 1831 amends the Government Code to authorize a court clerk, including a county clerk, district clerk, or county and district clerk, to carry over from the current calendar year to the following calendar year a maximum of 10 hours of completed continuing education courses that exceed the 20 hours of continuing education courses required each year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.