

1-1 By: Metcalf, Ramos, Guillen H.B. No. 2481  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Creighton)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2019;  
1-4 May 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-5 Justice; May 15, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-6 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Whitmire	X			
1-9 Huffman	X			
1-10 Buckingham	X			
1-11 Flores	X			
1-12 Hughes			X	
1-13 Miles	X			
1-14 Perry	X			
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the administration of a veterans treatment court  
1-19 program.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 124.003(b), Government Code, is amended  
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (b) A veterans treatment court program established under  
1-24 this chapter shall make, establish, and publish local procedures to  
1-25 ensure maximum participation of eligible defendants in the program  
1-26 [~~county or counties in which those defendants reside~~].

1-27 SECTION 2. Sections 124.006(a) and (d), Government Code,  
1-28 are amended to read as follows:

1-29 (a) A veterans treatment court program that accepts  
1-30 placement of a defendant may transfer responsibility for  
1-31 supervising the defendant's participation in the program to another  
1-32 veterans treatment court program that is located in the county  
1-33 where the defendant works or resides or in a county adjacent to the  
1-34 county where the defendant works or resides. The defendant's  
1-35 supervision may be transferred under this section only with the  
1-36 consent of both veterans treatment court programs and the  
1-37 defendant.

1-38 (d) If a defendant is charged with an offense in a county  
1-39 that does not operate a veterans treatment court program, the court  
1-40 in which the criminal case is pending may place the defendant in a  
1-41 veterans treatment court program located in the county where the  
1-42 defendant works or resides or in a county adjacent to the county  
1-43 where the defendant works or resides, provided that a program is  
1-44 operated in that county and the defendant agrees to the placement.  
1-45 A defendant placed in a veterans treatment court program in  
1-46 accordance with this subsection must agree to abide by all rules,  
1-47 requirements, and instructions of the program.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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