

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

While the conditions of community supervision vary from case to case, probationers are almost universally required to regularly meet with their probation officer.

These meetings may interfere with significant life responsibilities, such as a job, school, or childcare. Failing to attend a meeting can lead to probation revocation, meaning the probationer is sent back to jail or prison and falls even further behind on their responsibilities. This presents a difficult choice for many probationers: either attend their meeting and potentially lose their job or miss the meeting and potentially head back to jail.

S.B. 1248 addresses this by requiring community supervision and corrections departments to adopt a policy that takes a probationer's work, treatment, or community service schedule into consideration when scheduling required meetings. S.B. 1248 only requires that these departments adopt a policy that makes the appropriate considerations, not specific actions.

As proposed, S.B. 1248 amends current law relating to a community supervision and corrections department policy regarding supervision officer meetings and visits.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 76, Government Code, by adding Section 76.019, as follows:

Sec. 76.019. POLICY REGARDING SUPERVISION OFFICER MEETINGS AND VISITS. Requires a community supervision and corrections department to adopt a policy regarding the scheduling of meetings or visits with a defendant placed on community supervision and supervised by the department. Requires the policy to require the officer supervising the defendant to take into consideration the defendant's work, treatment, or community service schedule, as applicable, when scheduling any required meetings or visits.

SECTION 2. Requires each community supervision and corrections department, not later than January 1, 2020, to adopt the policy required by Section 76.019, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.