

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Texas has over 15 veteran treatment courts operating in Texas. These programs have made a significant and positive impact on the lives of the veterans and their loved ones. Rather than focusing on a traditional incarceration method, veterans treatment courts programs look to reduce recidivism rates by requiring active participation in self-improvement programs designed to address the root issues leading to the high number of veteran arrests.

S.B. 1180 will require the Texas Veterans Commission to report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives the number of defendants who participate in each veterans treatment court program, the number who successfully completed each program, and the number who did not successfully complete each program as well as the amount of grant funding received by each program. (Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 1180 amends current law relating to reporting regarding veterans treatment court programs.

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 124, Government Code, by adding Section 124.007, as follows:

Sec. 124.007. REPORT. Requires the Texas Veterans Commission, not later than December 1 of each year, to report the following information for the preceding state fiscal year to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each member of the legislature:

(1) the number of defendants who participated in each veterans treatment court program, successfully completed each program, and did not successfully complete each program; and

(2) the amount of grant funding received by each program.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.