

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0420H.02I
Bill No.: HB 82
Subject: Courts; Veterans
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to treatment courts.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Revenue	(\$62,000 to Unknown)	(\$62,000 to Unknown)	(\$62,000 to Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$62,000 to Unknown)	(\$62,000 to Unknown)	(\$62,000 to Unknown)

*Oversight assumes OSCA's unknown impact will not exceed \$250,000 annually.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§478.001 – Treatment courts

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state the potential budgetary impact of this proposal could initially be \$62,000 and continue to increase due to participant growth. There may be an additional impact but there is no way to quantify that amount currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

Oversight notes OSCA assumes this proposal may have an unknown fiscal impact exceeding \$62,000. As OSCA is unable to provide additional information regarding the potential unknown impact, Oversight assumes the proposed legislation will have an impact of (\$62,000 to Unknown) cost to the General Revenue Fund. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight also assumes the total impact will be under \$250,000 annually. If this assumption is incorrect, this would alter the fiscal impact as presented in this fiscal note. If additional information is received, Oversight will review it to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek approval to publish a new fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state as statute has already mandated that treatment courts may be created, it is assumed the courts have already done so and have been utilizing them. Therefore, this legislation has no impact.

Oversight notes the provisions of this proposal change the language relating to the creation of treatment courts from the permissive “may” to the required “shall” in addition to requiring that each circuit court establish an alternative for the judicial system to dispose of cases that may be impacted by substance abuse.

Information obtained relating to FY 2023 OSCA data provides the following “treatment courts” and programs:

	Programs	Participants Served
Adult Treatment Courts	82	4,245
DWI Treatment Courts	27	1,016
Veterans Treatment Courts	17	369
Family Treatment Courts	17	429
Juvenile Treatment Courts	4	33

Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight assumes the DOC may have a savings in those circuits that do not currently have treatment court options. However, it is unknown whether the savings would be significant, and for fiscal note purposes, Oversight is not presenting a savings to the DOC.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** defer to OSCA for any anticipated fiscal impact for this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs</u> – OSCA (\$478.001) – increase in costs for treatment courts	(\$62,000 to Unknown)	(\$62,000 to Unknown)	(\$62,000 to Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$62,000 to Unknown)</u>	<u>(\$62,000 to Unknown)</u>	<u>(\$62,000 to Unknown)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires all circuit courts to establish a treatment court division before August 28, 2027. Additionally, each treatment court division must have a veterans treatment court

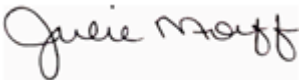
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Administration - Budget and Planning

Department of Corrections

Office of the State Courts Administrator

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