

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Current law authorizes the court to require a probationer convicted of a family violence offense, at the direction of the probation officer, to attend counseling sessions or a battering intervention and prevention program. H.B. 2187 requires counseling for a person placed on community supervision following conviction of an offense involving family violence.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2187 requires counseling for a person placed on community supervision following conviction of an offense involving family violence.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 14(c), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize the court to require the defendant, rather than probationer, to attend, at the direction of the community supervision and corrections department officer, rather than probation officer, certain counseling sessions, if available, that meets guidelines adopted by the community justice assistance division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Requires the defendant to begin attendance not later than the 60th day after the date the court grants community supervision, to notify the community supervision and corrections department of certain information, and report the defendant's attendance to the officer. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.