
Appropriations Committee

HB 1983

Brief Description: Concerning the criminal justice treatment account.

Sponsors: Representatives Simmons, Goodman, Reed and Davis.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Revises the allowable uses of the Criminal Justice Treatment Account to include the provision of services to individuals for 180 days following graduation from drug court programs.
- Removes expired provisions.

Hearing Date: 1/18/24

Staff: Andy Toulon (786-7178).

Background:

Funds in the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (Account) may be expended for substance use disorder treatment and support services for offenders meeting certain criteria and for nonviolent offenders within a drug court program. The funds may also be used for the administrative and overhead costs associated with the operation of a drug court. During the 2021-23 and 2023-25 fiscal biennia, the use of funds has been temporarily broadened in the operating budgets to allow funds in the Account to be used for the provision of services to individuals for 180 days following graduation from drug court programs. The Legislature may appropriate from the Account for municipal drug courts and increased treatment options.

Summary of Bill:

The Account is revised to allow funds in the Account to be used for the provision of services for

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180 days following graduation from drug court programs beyond the 2023-25 fiscal biennium. The authority for the Legislature to appropriate from the Account for municipal drug courts and increased treatment options is removed. Expired provisions of the Account are removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.