

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law authorizes judges to sentence a defendant convicted of certain offenses involving family violence under Title 5, Penal Code, to community supervision. Family violence shelter centers afford victims a safe place to go and often also provide counseling services. This bill would authorize a judge to require a defendant convicted of certain offenses involving family violence, as a condition of the defendant's community supervision, to make a payment to a family violence shelter center that receives state or federal funds and is located in an area served by the court.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 461 authorizes a judge to require a defendant convicted of certain family violence offenses to make a payment to a family violence shelter center as a condition of community supervision.

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 11, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Subsection (g), to authorize a judge who grants community supervision to a person convicted of an offense under Title 5, Penal Code, that the court determines involves family violence, to require the person to make one payment not to exceed \$100 to a family violence shelter that receives state or federal funds and is located in an area served by the court. Defines "family violence" and "family violence shelter center."

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.