

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

HB 491 — Faith-based Content in Batterers' Intervention Programs

by Reps. Blanco, Johnson, and others (SB 624 by Senators Yarborough and Harrell)

The bill authorizes Batterers' Intervention Programs to offer supplemental faith-based activities as part of program offerings, while explicitly prohibiting programs from requiring participation in such activities as a condition of program participation.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 33-1; House 107-2