

Committee on Judiciary

CS/CS/HB 1069 — Defendants in Specialized Courts

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Perry and others (CS/SB 1170 by Fiscal Policy Committee and Senator Bradley)

The bill authorizes cases pending in a veterans' court or a mental health court to be transferred to another county. The bill also defines the term "problem-solving court" to include drug courts, veterans' courts, and mental health courts. Specialty drug courts, veterans' courts, and mental health courts already exist in a number of circuits around the state.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0