

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Gruters and Farmer

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to treatment-based drug court
3 programs; amending s. 397.334, F.S.; authorizing a
4 court to offer an option for verification of
5 participation in self-help groups or activities to
6 certain defendants; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsections (6) through (10) of section 397.334,
11 Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7) through
12 (11), respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that
13 section, to read:

14 397.334 Treatment-based drug court programs.—

15 (6) If the court orders a defendant to enter into a
16 pretrial treatment-based drug court program or a
17 postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court program, and if the
18 defendant is ordered to document participation in self-help or
19 other support groups and activities as an element of ancillary
20 services, as described in s. 394.67, the court may offer the
21 defendant an option for either electronic or written
22 verification of such participation.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.