

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Criminal Justice**

**CS/CS/HB 233 — Substance Abuse Education and Intervention Programs**

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Rouson (CS/SB 498 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Lynn)

The bill gives county criminal courts the option of sentencing a defendant found guilty of misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia to a licensed substance abuse education and treatment intervention program as a condition of probation.

The bill also provides for a licensed substance abuse education and treatment program to provide probation services to those misdemeanor drug offenders who are assigned to the program.

This bill substantially amends s. 948.15, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

*Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0*