

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: SB 910
INTRODUCER: Senator Gainer
SUBJECT: Court-ordered Treatment Programs
DATE: May 1, 2019

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - Substitute Amendment 085155 for Amendment 045845– to SB 910
(body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 deletes and replaces sections 4 and 5 of SB 910, which expands the eligibility of applicants and participants in the veteran’s court programs, to change the effective date of the bill by one year, moving it up from October 1, 2020, to October 1, 2019.

Specifically, in section 4, the House amendment creates a new subparagraph (3) within s. 948.21, F.S., replacing SB 910’s changes to subparagraph (2). The new subparagraph (3) provides for prospective application to the newly expanded pool of eligible veteran’s court applicants and participants (i.e., all discharged service members, and current and former U.S. defense contractors and military members of foreign allied countries), and provides that those in that pool who commit crimes on or after October 1, 2019, are eligible. Currently, SB 910 makes changes to current subparagraph (2) of s. 948.21, F.S., expanding the pool of eligibility but retaining the effective date of July 1, 2016, possibly opening the provision to retroactive application.

In section 5, the house substitute amendment changes the effective date of the bill to October 1, 2019. Currently, section 5 of SB 910 provides for an October 1, 2020, effective date.