

SB 910 – Court-ordered Treatment Programs

This bill also amends s. 394.47891, F.S., adding “individuals who are current or former United States Department of Defense contractors; and individuals who are current or former military members of a foreign allied country” to those eligible to participate in the “Military Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program under which veterans... who are charged or convicted of a criminal offense, and who suffer from a military-related mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem can be sentenced in accordance with chapter 921 in a manner that appropriately addresses the severity of the mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem through services tailored to the individual needs of the participant.” Additionally, it further expands the pool by adding veterans who were discharged or released under “any condition,” whereas under current law a general discharge was the only additional type of discharge included.

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CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE BASED ON PRIOR IMPACT FOR CS/CS/SB 642: **Negative Indeterminate**

This bill also amends s. 948.08, F.S., expanding eligibility for the pretrial veterans’ treatment intervention program, adding “an individual who is a current or former United States Department of Defense contractor; or an individual who is a current or former military member of a foreign allied country.” Additionally, it further expands the pool by adding veterans who were discharged or released under “any condition,” whereas under current law a general discharge was the only additional type of discharge included.

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