

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

HB 1880 authorizes district attorneys to create restorative justice programs for nonviolent offenders who qualify for a deferred prosecution agreement. The measure authorizes the District Attorneys Council to develop and administer a five-year restorative justice pilot program utilizing citizen-led mediation panels. The purpose of the program is to divert offenders from the traditional prosecution model through use of a deferred prosecution agreement, while utilizing evidence-based practices and techniques to create a community-based restorative justice program that focus on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large. The measure defines the term “restorative justice” as an alternative means to the traditional criminal justice model for qualifying nonviolent offenses. The measure provides that the pilot program is to expire November 1, 2026.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1880, as introduced, authorizes the District Attorneys Council to develop and administer a restorative justice pilot program. The measure further authorizes district attorneys to create restorative justice programs.

The provisions of the measure do not create a mandate on the District Attorneys Council. The measure does not require an increase in appropriated funding for the Council.

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Other Considerations

None.