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## **Bill Analysis**

SB 87 authorizes persons in possession of a controlled dangerous substance who appear to be in need of help to, in lieu of arrest, be taken to an approved drug treatment center or approved center for substance abuse evaluation by a law enforcement officer. Such centers shall be subject to the appropriate county, municipal, or tribal authority. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services may approve or disapprove individual treatment centers. Additionally, the treatment center must receive annual approval from the county's district attorney.

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