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Bill Analysis

SB 493 authorizes an offender participating in a mental health court program to be afforded the opportunity to have a certified therapeutic dog accompanied by the handler of the certified therapeutic dog while the offender provides testimony or otherwise appears in court proceedings with the approval of the court. Such a dog must be certified by the American Kennel Club, Alliance of Therapy Dogs, or an equivalent organization.

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