You can attach just the MDF file in SQL Server to move a database

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Read more http://billennis-ssts.blogspot.com/2011/06/you-can-attach-just-mdf-file-in-sql.html

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