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HOUSE BILL 25-1087

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(None),

House Committees
Health & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS**
102 **PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill prohibits a peer support team member from disclosing, without the consent of the recipient of peer support (recipient), the confidential communications made by the recipient during a peer support interaction, with specified exceptions. With respect to an exception for which disclosure is permissible, a peer support team member who discloses or does not disclose a communication with a recipient is not

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liable for damages in a civil action for disclosing or not disclosing the communication.

The bill expands an exception allowing specified mental health professionals to disclose confidential information when a recipient makes a threat against an individual or makes a threat that, if carried out, would result in harm to an individual.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-30-125 as
3 follows:

4 **12-30-125. Peer support team members - disclosure of**
5 **confidential information - not regulated by division - definitions.**

6 (1) (a) A PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER SHALL NOT DISCLOSE, WITHOUT
7 THE CONSENT OF THE RECIPIENT OF PEER SUPPORT SERVICES, THE
8 CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS THAT ARE MADE BY THE RECIPIENT
9 DURING A PEER SUPPORT INTERACTION. A RECIPIENT OF PEER SUPPORT
10 SERVICES WHO PARTICIPATES IN GROUP PEER SUPPORT SERVICES SHALL
11 NOT DISCLOSE INFORMATION THAT WAS COMMUNICATED BY OTHER
12 RECIPIENTS OF GROUP PEER SUPPORT SERVICES DURING THE COURSE OF
13 GROUP PEER SUPPORT SERVICES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE
14 INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE INFORMATION RELATES.

15 (b) SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO
16 COMMUNICATIONS MADE DURING INTERACTIONS IN WHICH A PEER
17 SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER IS:

18 (I) ACTING IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A PEER
19 SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER OF THE PEER SUPPORT ORGANIZATION; AND

20 (II) FUNCTIONING WITHIN THE WRITTEN PEER SUPPORT GUIDELINES
21 THAT ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE PEER SUPPORT ORGANIZATION.

22 (c) SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN CASES

1 IN WHICH:

2 (I) A PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER WAS A WITNESS OR A PARTY TO
3 AN INCIDENT THAT PROMPTED THE DELIVERY OF PEER SUPPORT SERVICES;

4 (II) A RECIPIENT OF PEER SUPPORT SERVICES ADMITS TO
5 COMMITTING A CRIME OR PROVIDES INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE
6 INDIVIDUAL'S SELF OR OTHERS THAT IS INDICATIVE OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT,
7 INCLUDING A COMMITTED CRIME, A PLAN OR INTENTION TO COMMIT A
8 CRIME, OR A PLAN OR INTENTION TO CONCEAL A CRIME;

9 (III) IN RELATION TO A RECIPIENT OF PEER SUPPORT SERVICES, ONE
10 OR MORE OF THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN SECTION 13-90-107 (1)(m)(V)
11 ARE MET;

12 (IV) A RECIPIENT OF PEER SUPPORT SERVICES MAKES AN
13 ARTICULABLE AND SIGNIFICANT THREAT AGAINST, OR EXHIBITS
14 BEHAVIORS THAT IN THE REASONABLE JUDGMENT OF A PEER SUPPORT
15 TEAM MEMBER CREATE AN ARTICULABLE AND SIGNIFICANT THREAT
16 AGAINST, THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING
17 UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS BELONGING TO AN IDENTIFIABLE GROUP, SUCH
18 AS A GROUP OF SCHOOL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR
19 OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL; OR

20 (V) A RECIPIENT OF PEER SUPPORT SERVICES MAKES AN
21 ARTICULABLE AND SIGNIFICANT THREAT INVOLVING, OR EXHIBITS
22 BEHAVIORS THAT IN THE REASONABLE JUDGMENT OF A PEER SUPPORT
23 TEAM MEMBER CREATE AN ARTICULABLE AND SIGNIFICANT THREAT
24 INVOLVING, THE DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE OR PUBLIC
25 PROPERTY, INCLUDING A SCHOOL, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR NATURAL
26 AREA.

27 (d) A PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER WHO DISCLOSES INFORMATION

1 UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION SHALL LIMIT THE DISCLOSURE
2 TO THE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL, SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT
3 PERSONNEL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

4 (e) A PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER WHO DISCLOSES OR DOES NOT
5 DISCLOSE A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION WITH A RECIPIENT OF PEER
6 SUPPORT SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS
7 SECTION IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES IN A CIVIL ACTION FOR DISCLOSING
8 OR NOT DISCLOSING THE COMMUNICATION.

9 (2) (a) AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGING IN GROUP PEER SUPPORT
10 SERVICES AS A PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER IS NOT SUBJECT TO
11 LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, OR OTHER REGULATION BY
12 THE DIVISION OR THE DEPARTMENT.

13 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGING IN GROUP PEER SUPPORT SERVICES
14 AS A PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE,
15 ENFORCEMENT, OR REVIEW PURSUANT TO PART 4 OF ARTICLE 20 OF THIS
16 TITLE 12.

17 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
18 REQUIRES:

19 (a) "GROUP PEER SUPPORT SERVICES" HAS THE MEANING SET
20 FORTH IN SECTION 13-90-107 (1)(m)(III)(D).

21 (b) "PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER" MEANS A DISTRICT ATTORNEY
22 OR PUBLIC DEFENDER PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER, AS DEFINED IN
23 SECTION 13-90-107 (1)(m)(III)(B); AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
24 PROVIDER OR RESCUE UNIT PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER, AS DEFINED IN
25 SECTION 13-90-107 (1)(m)(III)(C); OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR
26 FIREFIGHTER PEER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
27 13-90-107 (1)(m)(III)(E).

1 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-220, amend
2 (2) introductory portion and (2)(d)(I) as follows:

3 **12-245-220. Disclosure of confidential communications -**
4 **definitions.** (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply and a person
5 LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER may disclose
6 confidential information when:

7 (d) (I) A client, regardless of age:

8 (A) ~~Makes an articulable and significant threat against a school or~~
9 ~~the occupants of a school~~ AN INDIVIDUAL OR THEMSELF OR MAKES AN
10 ARTICULABLE AND SIGNIFICANT THREAT THAT, IF CARRIED OUT, WOULD
11 RESULT IN HARM TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR THEMSELF; or

12 (B) Exhibits behaviors that, in the reasonable judgment of the
13 licensee, registrant, or certificate holder, create an articulable and
14 significant threat to the health or safety of ~~students, teachers,~~
15 ~~administrators, or other school personnel~~ AN INDIVIDUAL OR THEMSELF.

16 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
19 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
20 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
21 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
22 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
23 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.