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HOUSE BILL 25-1129

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A PEER-TO-PEER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES  
102 PROGRAM FOR OFFENDERS NEARING RELEASE FROM A  
103 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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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>.)*

Under existing law, the department of corrections is required to develop and implement initiatives specifically designed to assist each offender's transition from a correctional facility into the community. The bill adds peer-to-peer behavioral health services programs as a component that may be included in an initiative.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-33-101, **amend**  
3 (5) introductory portion, (5)(e), (5)(f), and (9); and **add** (5)(g) as follows:

4           **17-33-101. Reentry planning and programs for adult parole**  
5 **- grant program - rules - reports - definitions - repeal.** (5) Subject to  
6 appropriations, ~~on and after July 1, 2014,~~ the department shall develop  
7 and implement initiatives specifically designed to assist each offender's  
8 transition from a correctional facility into the community. An initiative  
9 developed and implemented pursuant to this subsection (5) may include,  
10 but need not be limited to, the following components:

11           (e) Consolidation and expansion of emergency assistance contract  
12 funding to effectively provide assistance to parolees in the community;  
13 **and**

14           (f) A program to provide medication-assisted therapies to eligible  
15 offenders; AND

16           (g) A PEER-TO-PEER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM.

17           (9) ~~For purposes of AS USED IN this section,~~ UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
18 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

19           (a) "PEER-TO-PEER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM"  
20 MEANS A PROGRAM THAT FACILITATES ACTIVITIES AND INTERACTIONS  
21 BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO SHARE SIMILAR EXPERIENCES OF BEING DIAGNOSED  
22 WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE  
23 DISORDERS.

24           (b) "Recidivism" means a return to prison in Colorado for either  
25 new criminal activity or a technical violation of parole, probation, or  
26 non-departmental community placement within three years ~~of~~ AFTER

1 release.

2           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
5 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
6 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
7 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
8 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
9 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.