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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.**

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.
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HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 10, 2025

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 7, 2025

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) **PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**
17 **PROVIDED BY CREDENTIALLED PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS OR OTHER**
18 **RESEARCHED-BASED PROGRAMS.**

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

21 (a) **"PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES"**
22 **MEANS SERVICES THAT FACILITATE** ACTIVITIES AND INTERACTIONS
23 BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO SHARE SIMILAR EXPERIENCES OF BEING DIAGNOSED
24 WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE
25 DISORDERS.

26 (b) "Recidivism" means a return to prison in Colorado for either

1 new criminal activity or a technical violation of parole, probation, or
2 non-departmental community placement within three years ~~of~~ AFTER
3 release.

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