



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1129: DOC PEER BEHAVIORAL HLTH SERVICES REENTRY PROG

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill authorizes the Department of Corrections to have a peer-to-peer behavioral health service program as part of its initiative to assist offender transition to the community.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

<b>Type of Impact</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2026-27</b>
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill adds peer-to-peer behavioral health services programs between individuals who share similar experiences to the list of components the Department of Corrections (DOC) may include in any effort to assist an offender's transition from a correctional facility into the community.

## Background

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The DOC currently operates peer mentoring programs in limited locations.

## State Expenditures

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If the General Assembly wants to expand current peer mentoring programs, the bill will increase expenditures in the DOC. Expansion would require additional training to certify inmates, and to provide compensation to inmates who provide mentoring services to their peers. Additionally, these peer mentors may require additional supervision from correctional officers and administrative staff. However, because the bill only authorizes peer-to-peer behavioral health services as part of the initiative, the fiscal note assumes the department will implement what it can within current resources. If the intent is to expand the program, the fiscal note will be updated with costs in a future revision.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).