

HB 25-1129: DOC PEER BEHAVIORAL HLTH SERVICES REENTRY PROGRAM

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Fiscal note status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Judiciary

Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill authorizes the Department of Corrections to have peer-to-peer behavioral health services as part of its initiative to assist an offender's 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.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
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

The bill adds peer-to-peer behavioral health services provided by credentialed peer support professionals or other research-based programs 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

The DOC currently operates peer mentoring programs in limited locations.

State Expenditures

Because the bill authorizes but does not require peer-to-peer behavioral health services as part of the initiative to assist an offender's transition into the community, and because the department operates peer mentoring programs in certain locations, the fiscal note assumes the bill codifies existing practices and that department will continue its current level of programming.

Effective Date

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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