

HB 25-1129: DOC PEER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES REENTRY **PROGRAM**

Prime Sponsors:

Rep. Rydin; Garcia Sen. Amabile; Ball

Bill Outcome: Signed into Law **Drafting number: LLS 25-0704**

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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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 was signed into law by the Governor on March 20, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections