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Prime Sponsor: Nethercott

Catch Title: Peer support counseling-confidentiality.

Subject: Peer support confidentiality.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill defines a "peer support specialist" as a person:
 - Designated by a law enforcement agency, emergency services provider, employee assistance program or peer support team leader to lead, moderate or assist in a peer support counseling session;
 - Is a member of a peer support team; and
 - Has received training in counseling and providing emotional and moral support to law enforcement officers or emergency services personnel who have been involved in emotionally traumatic incidents by reason of their employment.
- This bill provides for the confidentiality of communications made between a peer support specialist and a participant. It specifies when confidentiality applies and the circumstances when it does not.

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