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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Abrams and Baldrige

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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This bill should not have a direct fiscal impact on the state or local political subdivisions. The bill generally prohibits a peer support team member from testifying (1) about communication received from an individual who receives peer support services from the team member, or (2) about the team member's advice to the individual. To receive testimonial privilege, the bill requires a peer support team member to complete at least eight hours of basic peer support training every two years. The bill also specifies that an employer or organization that appoints a peer support team may designate certain individuals as an advisor to ensure team members are properly trained and providing proper services.

The bill defines a "peer support team member" as an individual who (1) is an active or retired peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical worker, corrections officer, dispatcher, or a civilian employee of an entity employing these individuals, (2) has received at least 16 hours of basic peer support training, and (3) provides peer support services to individuals with similar life experiences as part of an organized group appointed by an employer, union, etc. to provide these services. In addition, "peer support services" means consultation, risk assessment, referral, or onsite intervention services provided by a peer support team member to a team member experiencing symptoms caused by exposure to acute or chronic high stress incidents in the course of the individual's employment.