

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Harrell offered the following:

4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 136 and 137, insert:

6 Section 4. Section 397.417, Florida Statutes, is created to
7 read:

8 397.417 Behavioral health peer specialists.-

9 (1) An individual is eligible for certification as a peer
10 specialist if he or she has been in recovery from a substance
11 use disorder or mental illness for at least two years or if he
12 or she has experience as a family member or caregiver of a
13 person with a substance use disorder or mental illness.

14 (2) The department shall develop and implement a training
15 program for individuals seeking certification as peer
16 specialists. The department may designate one or more

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17 credentialing entities that have met nationally-recognized
18 standards for developing and administering professional
19 certification programs to certify peer specialists.

20 (3) Individuals providing department funded support
21 services as a peer specialist shall be certified pursuant to
22 subsection (2). However, an individual who is not yet certified
23 may provide support services as a peer specialist for up to one
24 year, if he or she is working towards certification and is
25 supervised by a qualified professional or a certified peer
26 specialist with supervisory training and at least 3 years of
27 full-time experience at a licensed behavioral health
28 organization.

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31 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

32 Remove line 21 and insert:
33 certain treatment programs and facilities; creating s. 397.417,
34 F.S.; providing qualifications to receive department approval as
35 a peer specialist; requiring the Department of Children and
36 Families to develop and implement a training program for peer
37 specialists; requiring the department to certify peer
38 specialists directly or by designating a third-party
39 credentialing entity; providing requirements for an individual
40 providing support services as a peer specialist; amending s.