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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families &
2 Seniors Subcommittee
3 Representative Fetterhoff offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 192-258 and insert:

7 (c) The department shall require that a peer specialist
8 providing recovery support services be certified; however, an
9 individual who is not certified may provide recovery support
10 services as a peer specialist for up to 1 year if he or she is
11 working toward certification and is supervised by a qualified
12 professional or by a certified peer specialist who has at least
13 2 years of full-time experience as a peer specialist at a
14 licensed behavioral health organization.

15 (4) BACKGROUND SCREENING.-

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16 (a) A peer specialist, or an individual who is working
17 toward certification and providing recovery support services as
18 provided in subsection (3), must have completed or have been
19 lawfully released from confinement, supervision, or any
20 nonmonetary condition imposed by the court for any felony and
21 must undergo a background screening as a condition of initial
22 and continued employment. The applicant must submit a full set
23 of fingerprints to the department or to a vendor, an entity, or
24 an agency that enters into an agreement with the Department of
25 Law Enforcement as provided in s. 943.053(13). The department,
26 vendor, entity, or agency shall forward the fingerprints to the
27 Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and the
28 Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to
29 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing. The
30 department shall screen the results to determine if a peer
31 specialist meets certification requirements. The applicant is
32 responsible for all fees charged in connection with state and
33 federal fingerprint processing and retention. The state cost for
34 fingerprint processing shall be as provided in s. 943.053(3) (e)
35 for records provided to persons or entities other than those
36 specified as exceptions therein. Fingerprints submitted to the
37 Department of Law Enforcement pursuant to this paragraph shall
38 be retained as provided in s. 435.12 and, when the Department of
39 Law Enforcement begins participation in the program, enrolled in
40 the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national retained

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41 fingerprint arrest notification program, as provided in s.
42 943.05(4). Any arrest record identified must be reported to the
43 department.

44 (b) The department or the Agency for Health Care
45 Administration, as applicable, may contract with one or more
46 vendors to perform all or part of the electronic fingerprinting
47 pursuant to this section. Such contracts must ensure that the
48 owners and personnel of the vendor performing the electronic
49 fingerprinting are qualified and will ensure the integrity and
50 security of all personal identifying information.

51 (c) Vendors who submit fingerprints on behalf of employers
52 must:

- 53 1. Meet the requirements of s. 943.053; and
54 2. Have the ability to communicate electronically with the
55 state agency accepting screening results from the Department of
56 Law Enforcement and provide the applicant's full first name,
57 middle initial, and last name; social security number or
58 individual taxpayer identification number; date of birth;
59 mailing address; sex; and race.

60 (d) The background screening conducted under this
61 subsection must ensure that a peer specialist has not, during
62 the previous 3 years, been arrested for and is awaiting final
63 disposition of, been found guilty of, regardless of
64 adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to,

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65 or been adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been
66 sealed or expunged for, any felony.

67 (e) The background screening conducted under this
68 subsection must ensure that a peer specialist has not been
69 arrested for and is awaiting final disposition of, found

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

73 Remove lines 24-32 and insert:
74 requiring that a peer specialist providing recovery support
75 services be certified or be supervised by a licensed behavioral
76 health care professional or a certain certified peer specialist;
77 requiring peer specialists and certain