

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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WITHDRAWN	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

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee  
 2 Representative Hart offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 43-72 and insert:

6 (c) Assist participants with completing any examinations  
 7 required to become a certified peer specialist under s. 397.147,  
 8 Florida Statutes.

9 (d) Assist in placing participants in employment as  
 10 certified peer specialist professionals upon their release.

11 (2) Inmates at participating facilities may apply to  
 12 participate in the pilot program. The Department of Corrections  
 13 shall develop criteria for selecting qualified applicants for  
 14 the pilot program including, but not limited to, requiring that  
 15 applicants:

16 (a) Have the appropriate custody classification.

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17 (b) Meet certain discipline criteria.

18 (c) Have an expected release date within a specified  
19 timeframe.

20 (d) Be housed at the facility providing training.

21 (e) Have served as a positive role model during their  
22 incarceration.

23 (f) Express a desire to work in the behavioral health  
24 treatment field after release.

25 (g) Not have been found guilty of, regardless of  
26 adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to,  
27 or been adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been  
28 sealed or expunged for, any offense that would prohibit them  
29 from becoming a certified peer specialist under s.  
30 397.417(4) (e), Florida Statutes.

31 (3) A person who completes the pilot program's  
32 requirements is exempt from the background screening  
33 requirements for peer specialists under s. 397.417(4) (a)-(d),  
34 Florida Statutes.

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

38 Remove lines 10-11 and insert:

39 complete the pilot program's requirements from  
40 specified background screening requirements for peer  
41 specialists;