

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/HB 1415 — Peer Support for First Responders

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Chamberlin and others (SB 1712 by Senators Collins and Perry)

The bill expands the definition of “first responders” for the purpose of peer support communications to include correctional officers and correctional probation officers. As such, correctional officers and correctional probation officers participating in peer support will receive the same benefit of confidentiality with respect to peer support communications as law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other statutorily-defined first responders.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 115-0