

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
2022 REGULAR SESSION
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Amend printed copy of **SB 64**

On page 3, beginning with line 2 through line 7, by deleting subsection (4) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

"(4) A peer support participant shall hold a privilege from disclosure of any peer support communication in any disciplinary proceeding or any civil or criminal proceeding unless it contains information exempted under subsection (3)(b), (c), (d), or (e) of this section. Under this privilege, the peer support communication shall be subject to the same protections as any counselor-client privilege provided under the Kentucky Rules of Evidence in any criminal or civil proceeding."; and

On page 3, after line 17 by adding the following:

"➔Section 2. (1) The Task Force for Public Safety Peer Support Best Practices is hereby created and shall be attached to the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for administrative purposes. The task force shall:

- (a) Be chaired by the Commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities or his or her designee;
- (b) Be composed of twelve (12) additional representatives appointed by the Commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, which shall include:

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Rep. Sen. Mike Wilson

Committee Amendment _____

Signed: _____

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LRC Drafter: _____

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1. A representative of the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police;
 2. A representative of the Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association;
 3. A representative of the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training;
 4. A representative of the Kentucky Fire Commission;
 5. A representative of the Kentucky League of Cities;
 6. A representative of the Kentucky Association of Counties;
 7. A representative of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services;
 8. A representative of the Kentucky Association of Public Safety Communications Officials and Kentucky Emergency Number Association;
 9. An individual licensed to provide emergency medical services under KRS Chapter 311A; and
 10. Three (3) individuals that have experience and expertise in peer counseling services;
- (c) Develop a report on best practices and professional standards for peer support counseling programs within one (1) year of the effective date of this Act. The best practices report shall include:
1. Advice on establishing and operating peer support counseling programs successfully;
 2. Recommendations on minimum standards for the training, certification, and continuing education of peer support specialists;
 3. Recommendations of ethical standards and protocols for peer support specialists;
 4. Advice on disclosures to the public safety employees of their confidentiality rights as a peer support participant under subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act;
 5. Information on different types of peer support counseling programs in use and

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available to public safety employees and their agencies; and

6. Information on the importance of peer support counseling programs and peer support specialists and access to additional mental health resources available to public safety employees.
- (2) The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities shall disseminate and make publicly available the task force's report to employers of public safety employees."