

2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1151**AMENDMENT 1151A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to create a peer support services program.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

4 **28-1-85. Peer support services program—Establishment.**

5 The Department of Social Services shall establish a peer support services program
6 to promote recovery for individuals with behavioral health disorders.

7 A provider of peer support services shall be licensed as a peer support specialist
8 and shall have:

9 (1) Life experience and success in the recovery process; and

10 (2) The education and skills necessary to provide therapeutic support to persons with
11 behavioral health disorders.

12 **Section 2.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

13 **28-1-86. Peer support specialist—Scope of practice.**

14 A licensed peer support specialist may provide non-clinical, person-centered
15 support to persons with behavioral health disorders through:

16 (1) Face-to-face interactions that support a person achieving recovery, including:

17 (a) Serving as a role model for recovery and wellness;

18 (b) Sharing positive strategies for developing coping skills;

19 (c) Identifying ways to achieve personal recovery goals;

20 (d) Promoting self-advocacy; and

21 (e) Assisting in the identification of personal strengths and appropriate
22 services;

23 (2) Peer-to-peer group facilitation using evidence-based practices; and

24 (3) Mentoring activities that include providing:

- 1 (a) A linkage to community resources; and
2 (b) Support for day-to-day problem solving efforts.
3 The type and intensity of services provided must be determined on a person-by-
4 person basis, taking into account the acuity of the situation for the person receiving
5 services and the experience of the peer support specialist.

6 **Section 3.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

7 **28-1-87. Peer support services program.**

8 The Department of Social Services shall ~~establish a program to provide peer~~
9 ~~support services.~~

10 ~~The department shall~~ promulgate rules, in accordance with chapter 1-26, to:

- 11 (1) ~~Define the scope of practice applicable to a peer support specialist;~~
12 ~~(2) Establish the conditions for initial licensure, including forms, fees, and educational~~
13 ~~and examination requirements;~~
14 ~~(3)(2) Establish the duration of a license, renewal provisions, renewal fees, and conditions~~
15 ~~for suspension or revocation;~~
16 ~~(4)(3) Establish requirements for continuing education;~~
17 ~~(5)(4) Establish requirements for supervision of peer support specialists;~~
18 ~~(6)(5) Establish professional and ethical standards applicable to peer support specialists;~~
19 and
20 ~~(7)(6) Provide for any other standards necessary to ensure the health and safety of~~
21 ~~persons receiving peer support services.~~

22 The funding for this program must be budgeted and expended through the general
23 appropriations act, pursuant to chapter 4-7.