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SB 1071: peer support teams; information; disclosure

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Overview

Adds peer support team members to the group of individuals who cannot be compelled to disclose information obtained in confidence during a response to a critical incident.

History

Members of critical incident stress management teams (Incident Members) cannot be compelled to disclose information in a legal proceeding when the information was acquired in confidence from a designated person while responding to a critical incident. Incident Members can be compelled to testify when:

- 1) the communication indicates a clear and present danger;
- 2) the designated person gives express consent to the testimony;
- 3) the communication is made during a criminal investigation;
- 4) the designated person voluntarily testifies; or
- 5) a policy breach exists and amounts to a violation of laws that are typically enforced by law enforcement ([A.R.S. § 38-1111](#)).

A *designated person* is defined as a law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency medical provider ([A.R.S. § 38-1111](#)).

Crisis response services are defined as consultation, risk assessment, referral and on-site crisis intervention services provided by a critical incident stress management team to a designated person ([A.R.S. § 38-1111](#)).

Provisions

1. States that, as with Incident Members, peer support team members cannot be compelled to disclose information acquired in confidence from a designated person while responding to a critical incident. (Sec. 1)
2. Modifies the definition of *crisis response services* to include services provided by a *peer support team* and *peer support team members*. (Sec. 1)
3. Broadens who is considered a *designated person* to include civilian employees of an agency. (Sec. 1)
4. Broadens the definitions of *emergency medical services personnel* and *firefighter* to include those in fire districts and under a joint powers authority. (Sec. 1)
5. Defines additional pertinent terms. (Sec. 1)
6. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

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