

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention**

##### **Assembly Bill 576**

Relating to: public safety peer counseling and privilege for peer support and critical incident stress management services communications and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Kitchens, Dittrich, Donovan, Michalski, O'Connor, Snyder and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators James, Ballweg and Jacque.

October 30, 2023 Referred to Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention

November 01, 2023 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (10) Representative Tittl; Representatives Dittrich, VanderMeer, Wichgers, Gundrum, Plumer, Magnafici, Vining, Considine and Moore Omokunde.  
Absent: (0) None.  
Excused: (2) Representatives Behnke and Palmeri.

##### Appearances For

- Representative Joel Kitchens - State Assembly - 1st District
- Senator Jesse James - State Senate - 23rd District
- George Papaschristol - Milwaukee Police Association
- Patrick McCarty - Door County Sheriff's Office
- Dane County Sheriff, Ret. David Smetana - Village of Pleasant Prairie
- Felicia Labatore - Kenosha Police
- Stacy Lenz - WI Department of Justice
- Dr. Ashlee Gethner - Calming Waves Therapy, LLC
- Melissa Wiesner - Two Rivers Police Department
- Pete Deates - Kenosha Police Department
- Jason Tetrick - Kenosha Police Department
- Mahlon Mitchell - Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin
- Eric Daun - Milwaukee Firefighters Association

##### Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Dane County Sheriff, Ret. David Mahoney
- Catherine McDermott - Badger State Sheriffs' Association and Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association
- Senator Joan Ballweg - State Senate - 14th District

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

November 09, 2023 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (12) Representative Tittl; Representatives Dittrich, VanderMeer, Wichgers, Gundrum, Plumer, Magnafici, Behnke, Vining, Considine, Moore Omokunde and Palmeri.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Wichgers, seconded by Representative Dittrich that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (11) Representative Tittl; Representatives Dittrich, VanderMeer, Wichgers, Gundrum, Plumer, Magnafici, Behnke, Vining, Considine and Palmeri.

Noes: (1) Representative Moore Omokunde.

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,**  
Ayes 11, Noes 1

Moved by Representative Dittrich, seconded by Representative VanderMeer that **Assembly Bill 576** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (11) Representative Tittl; Representatives Dittrich, VanderMeer, Wichgers, Gundrum, Plumer, Magnafici, Behnke, Vining, Considine and Palmeri.

Noes: (1) Representative Moore Omokunde.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 11, Noes 1

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Steve Hall  
Committee Clerk