

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families

Senate Bill 621

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

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

November 07, 2023 Referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families

November 28, 2023 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (5) Senator James; Senators Cabral-Guevara, Ballweg, L. Johnson and Hesselbein.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Mahlon Mitchell - Professional fire Fighters of Wi
- Eric Daun - Milwaukee Fire FighterLocal
- Captain Robert Hartson
- Stacy Lenz - WI Department of Justice
- Assistant Chief Melissa Wiesner
- Felicia Labatore - Kenosha police
- Chief Deputy-Undersheriff Patrick McCarty - Door County Sheriffs Office
- Senator Jesse James - 23rd Senate District

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- David Mahoney - Wisconsin Law Enforcement
- Joe Strohl - PFFW
- Rep Joel Kitchens

- Catherine McDermott - Badger State Sheriffs association
- Catherine McDermott - Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association
- Mark Austinson - Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

December 13, 2023 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (5) Senator James; Senators Cabral-Guevara, Ballweg, L. Johnson and Carpenter.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Ballweg, seconded by Senator James that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senator James; Senators Cabral-Guevara, Ballweg, L. Johnson and Carpenter.

Noes: (0) None.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Ballweg, seconded by Senator James that **Senate Bill 621** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senator James; Senators Cabral-Guevara, Ballweg, L. Johnson and Carpenter.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Victoria Casola
Committee Clerk