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# SB 1616

Introduced by  
Senator Wadsack: Representatives Hernandez C, Jones, McGarr

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-2903.14; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST  
CONTAINMENT SYSTEM.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 29, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2903.14, to read:

4 36-2903.14. Peer specialists; qualifications; oversight;  
5 training; annual report

6 A. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROCESSES TO  
7 MONITOR ITS CONTRACTORS' OVERSIGHT OF PEER SPECIALISTS TO ENSURE THAT THE  
8 PEER SPECIALISTS MEET QUALIFICATIONS AND RECEIVE THE REQUIRED SUPERVISION.

9 B. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS, PEER SPECIALISTS SHALL  
10 COMPLETE TRAINING THAT IS DEVELOPED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND THAT  
11 INCLUDES PSYCHOSIS-SPECIFIC CONTENT, INCLUDING ANOSOGNOSIA.

12 C. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2024 AND EACH NOVEMBER 1 THEREAFTER,  
13 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE  
14 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON  
15 THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESSES REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION AND  
16 ON THE MONITORING AND OUTCOMES OF USING PEER SPECIALISTS IN PROVIDING  
17 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO MEMBERS.