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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

SB 103: PEER SUPPORT COUNSELING PROGRAM

Section 1: Amends AS 18.95 *Miscellaneous Provisions* by adding the following sections:

18.95.020 Peer Support Counseling: Grants the ability to law enforcement agencies, emergency service providers, and the Department of Corrections to establish peer support counseling.

18.95.030 Peer Support Counseling Confidentiality: Establishes that communications made between participants and counselors are confidential; provides exemptions including:

- Threats of harm to self or others
- Information covered by mandatory reporting laws.
- Admissions of criminal conduct
- Information on abuse of vulnerable adults or children
- Information acquired during the regular course of employment.

18.95.040 Definitions: Defines terms used in AS 18.95.020 and AS 18.95.030, to include department, emergency services personnel, emergency service provider, law enforcement agency, peace officer, peer support counseling, and peer support counseling program.