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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to trained peer support members to include firefighters within its definition.

Present law (C.E. Art. 518) includes individuals such as a person who provides emotional and moral support to an emergency responder, an emergency responder, or civilian volunteer in its definition of trained peer support member.

Proposed law (C.E. 518 (B)(3)) expands present law to include firefighters.

Present law (R.S. 40:2411(C)(6)) defines "peer support training" as training in peer support and critical incident stress conducted by the Southern Law Enforcement Foundation, the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc., or an equivalent program as approved by the executive director of the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.

Proposed law (R.S. 40:2411(C)(6)) expands the present law definition to include the International Association of Fire Fighters Peer Support Training.

Present law (R.S. 40:2411(C)(7)) defines "public safety personnel" as an employee of a governmental agency who provides support to peace officers such as a dispatcher, public safety telecommunicator, crime scene and laboratory technician, and criminal analyst.

Proposed law (R.S. 40:2411(C)(7)) expands the present law definition to include firefighters.

(Amends C.E. Art. 518(B) and R.S. 40:2411(C)(6) and (7))