

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 314

BY REPRESENTATIVES LARVADAIN, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BOYD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, COX, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FISHER, FONTENOT, GAINES, GAROFALO, HODGES, HORTON, HUGHES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, PIERRE, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, STAGNI, THOMPSON, WHITE, AND WILLARD

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Evidence Article 518(B) and R.S. 40:2411(C)(6) and (7),  
3 relative to trained peer support; to provide for firefighters as trained peer support  
4 members; to provide for peer support training by certain organizations; to provide  
5 for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Evidence Article 518(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read  
8 as follows:

9 Art. 518. Trained peer support member privilege

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11 B. For purposes of this Section, a "trained peer support member" is ~~an~~  
12 emergency ~~any of the following persons or entities that provide emotional and moral~~  
13 support or counseling to an emergency responder who needs those services as a  
14 result of an incident in which the emergency responder was involved while acting  
15 in his official capacity:

16 (1) An emergency responder or civilian volunteer of an emergency service  
17 agency or entity, who has received training in Critical Incident Stress Management  
18 ~~to provide emotional and moral support to an emergency responder who needs those~~  
19 ~~services as a result of an incident in which the emergency responder was involved~~  
20 ~~while acting in his official capacity.~~

21 (2) A ~~"trained peer support member"~~ also includes a volunteer counselor or  
22 other mental health services provider who has been designated by the emergency  
23 service agency or entity ~~to provide emotional and moral support and counseling to~~

