



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB1897

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Thomas Cullerton

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Law Enforcement Support Program Confidentiality Act. Provides that information, omissions, confessions, or other communication obtained by a participant in a peer support program involving a peer support counselor from a law enforcement officer, public safety employee, peace officer, firefighter, or emergency services personnel shall be considered confidential information and shall not be released to any person or entity, including, but not limited to, a court, administrative agency or tribunal, or public officer or employer, unless: (1) to the extent it appears necessary to prevent the commission of an act that is likely to result in a clear imminent risk of serious physical injury or death of a person or persons; (2) when required by court order; or (3) when, after full disclosure has been provided, the person who made the confession, admission, or other communication has given specific written consent. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement officers.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Law  
5 Enforcement Support Program Confidentiality Act.

6 Section 5. Law enforcement support program  
7 confidentiality.

8 (a) In this Act:

9 "Peer support program" means a program established by a  
10 law enforcement agency, public safety employer, union, or  
11 other entity providing counseling support, referrals,  
12 information, or other social services to law enforcement  
13 officers, public safety employees, peace officers,  
14 firefighters, or emergency services personnel.

15 "Peer support counselor" is a person offering  
16 counseling services through a peer support program.

17 (b) Information, omissions, confessions, or other  
18 communication obtained by a participant in a peer support  
19 program involving a peer support counselor from a law  
20 enforcement officer, public safety employee, peace officer,  
21 firefighter, or emergency services personnel shall be  
22 considered confidential information and shall not be released  
23 to any person or entity, including, but not limited to, a

1 court, administrative agency or tribunal, or public officer or  
2 employer, unless: (1) to the extent it appears necessary to  
3 prevent the commission of an act that is likely to result in a  
4 clear imminent risk of serious physical injury or death of a  
5 person or persons; (2) when required by court order; or (3)  
6 when, after full disclosure has been provided, the person who  
7 made the confession, admission, or other communication has  
8 given specific written consent.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.