

**Senate Executive Departments and Administration
Committee**
Phil Jasak 271-1403

SB 207, establishing a committee to study licensure of mental health professionals.

Hearing Date: February 2, 2023

Time Opened: 9:01 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:06 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, Carson, Gendreau and Perkins Kwoka

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill:

I. Establishes a committee to study licensure of mental health professionals.

II. Adds a new definition for "peer support group" to emergency medical and trauma services and critical incident intervention and management.

Sponsors:

Sen. Perkins Kwoka
Sen. Rosenwald
Sen. Soucy
Rep. Schapiro

Sen. Watters
Sen. Bradley
Sen. Carson
Rep. Grote

Sen. Gannon
Sen. Whitley
Sen. Prentiss

Who supports the bill: Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (SD-21), Brian Ryll, Paula Minehan, Senator Cindy Rosenwald (SD-13), Normand Houle, Judy Miller, Susan Richman, Kathryn Curry, Jason Arrow, Meg Gilman, Samuel Tator, Senator David Watters (SD-4), Kent Hackmann, Mary Till, Laurie A. McCray, Mary Alice Schatzle, James Shanley, Katherine Remesch, Ashley Meenaghan, Senator Sharon Carson (SD-14), Andrea Thorn, Heather Pike, Susan Bartlett, Glendowlyn Howard, Randy Hayes, Jake Berry, Susan Paschell.

Who opposes the bill: Elizabeth Eaton, Julie Smith

Who is neutral on the bill: Diane Castrucci, Stephanie Bean

Summary of testimony presented:
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (SD-21)

- Senator Perkins Kwoka introduced SB 207.
- Senator Perkins Kwoka said that this bill re-creates a committee, which she chaired last year, which reviewed the licensure process.
- Senator Perkins Kwoka said that this committee is trying to address issues with mental health licensure.
- Senator Perkins Kwoka presented Amendment 0261s. She said that Senator Birdsell asked for the amendment, but Senator Birdsell was unavailable to testify.
 - o Senator Carson stated that Senator Birdsell has been working with PTSD groups, and that her amendment was introduced in order to make sure those groups are involved.

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 3, 2023