

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 212**

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Makes confidential and exempts from discovery and public records certain communications and information conveyed during, **to facilitate or to follow up on** peer support check-in sessions with Oregon Youth Authority employees. Creates exceptions.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to peer support confidentiality.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) For the purposes of this section:**

5 (a) **"Participant" means an employee of the Oregon Youth Authority who engages in a**  
6 **peer support check-in session or who communicates with a peer support team member about**  
7 **engaging in a peer support check-in session.**

8 (b) **"Peer support check-in session" means a meeting between a participant and a peer**  
9 **support team member to provide emotional and moral support for the participant.**

10 (c) **"Peer support communication" means a communication made by a participant or peer**  
11 **support team member during a peer support check-in session and any communication made**  
12 **by a peer support team member or participant to facilitate or to follow up on a peer support**  
13 **check-in session.**

14 (d) **"Peer support team member" means a person described in subsection (3) of this sec-**  
15 **tion.**

16 (2) **Peer support communications are confidential and may not be disclosed by the peer**  
17 **support team member.**

18 (3) **The provisions of this section apply only to peer support check-in sessions conducted**  
19 **by a person who:**

20 (a) **Has been designated by the youth authority to act as a peer support team member;**

21 (b) **Has received training in providing emotional and moral support, intervening and**  
22 **mentoring through crises and assessing and referring to services for juvenile corrections**  
23 **personnel who have been involved in emotionally traumatic incidents; and**

24 (c) **Receives annual continuing education.**

25 (4) **Peer support communications are not public records for the purpose of ORS 192.311**  
26 **to 192.478.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

