

## HOUSE BILL No. 2681

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Requested by Representative Proctor

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1 AN ACT concerning the department of corrections; relating to peer  
2 support programs; establishing the department of corrections peer  
3 support fund for such programs; transferring funds from the state  
4 general fund to the department of corrections peer support fund during  
5 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the  
9 department of corrections peer support fund. The fund shall be  
10 administered by the secretary of corrections. Expenditures from such fund  
11 shall be used for the purposes described in subsection (b). All expenditures  
12 shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the  
13 director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by  
14 the secretary of corrections, or the secretary's designee.

15 (2) (A) On July 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as moneys are  
16 available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$500,000 from  
17 the state general fund to the department of corrections peer support fund.

18 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028, and each fiscal year  
19 thereafter, in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts, moneys  
20 may be transferred to the department of corrections peer support fund from  
21 the state general fund or one or more special revenue funds in the state  
22 treasury as specified by such appropriation acts.

23 (b) (1) The department of corrections peer support fund shall be used  
24 exclusively by the department of corrections for the department's peer  
25 support program for corrections officers and other department employees.  
26 Other expenditures from the fund may include, but not be limited to,  
27 training of peer support team members, program materials, equipment,  
28 travel expenses, staffing costs associated with the peer support program  
29 and other expenses as may be necessary for the effective implementation  
30 and operation of the department of corrections peer support services.

31 (2) Peer support services funded by this section shall promote mental  
32 health, wellness, crisis intervention and suicide prevention among  
33 department of corrections employees in accordance with department  
34 policies and recognized best practices.

35 (c) The secretary of corrections may adopt rules and regulations as

1 necessary to administer and implement the department of corrections peer  
2 support fund.

3 (d) The department of corrections peer support fund shall be used for  
4 the purposes set forth in this section and for no other governmental  
5 purpose. It is the intent of the legislature that the fund shall remain intact  
6 and inviolate for the purposes set forth in this section and moneys in the  
7 fund shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3722, 75-3725a or  
8 75-3726a, and amendments thereto.

9 (e) On or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month commencing on July 1,  
10 2026, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state  
11 general fund to the department of corrections peer support fund interest  
12 earnings based on:

13 (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the department of  
14 corrections peer support fund for the preceding month; and

15 (2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for  
16 the preceding month.

17 (f) The secretary of corrections shall submit a report to the governor  
18 and the legislature on or before January 15 of each calendar year detailing  
19 the expenditures from the department of corrections peer support fund  
20 during the preceding calendar year and the effectiveness of the peer  
21 support program.

22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
23 publication in the statute book.