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## Fiscal Note

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### **S.195 – an act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists**

*House Proposal of Amendment*

As passed by the Senate

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2022/Docs/BILLS/S-0195/S-0195%20As%20Passed%20by%20the%20Senate%20Unofficial.pdf>

House Proposal of Amendment

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#### **Bill Summary**

**T**he House Proposal of Amendment to the bill would require the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to initiate the next steps towards the creation of a statewide peer support specialist certification program through execution of a grant for advancing peer certification in Vermont. The grant is for \$30,000 and is part of a \$6,171,000 allocation from the Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) monies appropriated to DMH in Act 83 of 2022 (Budget Adjustment). As such, **no further appropriation is required.**

Sec. 3 would amend the title of the bill upon passage to “An act relating to examining mental health peer support certification.”