SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT Committee on Judiciary.

SB23-164 be amended as follows:

Amend printed bill, page 3, line 17, before "(8)" insert "(1.5) and".

- Page 3, line 20, strike "created. (2) (a) The board shall" and substitute "created - repeal. (1.5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY EMPLOY OR CONTRACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO PROVIDE SEX-OFFENDER-SPECIFIC EVALUATION, TREATMENT, OR POLYGRAPH SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11.7 IF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM IS AN APPROVED PROVIDER AND THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES A SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT AND MONITORING PROGRAM THAT CONFORMS WITH THE GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-11.7-103 AND THE EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS ARE TRAINED TO COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE CONFORMING PROGRAM.
 - (a) ANY INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING SEX-OFFENDER-SPECIFIC EVALUATION OR TREATMENT MUST HAVE A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR ABOVE IN A BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE WITH TRAINING OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN COUNSELING OR THERAPY; MUST HOLD A PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH LICENSE OR BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES AS AN UNLICENSED PSYCHOTHERAPIST, CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR, LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATE, LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE, OR PSYCHOLOGIST CANDIDATE; OR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER.
 - (b) Any polygraph examiner must have graduated from an accredited American polygraph association school and have a baccalaureate degree from a four-year institution of higher education. The department of corrections shall complete compliance monitoring of contracted providers and polygraph examiners who are not approved by the board pursuant to subsection (1) of this section on an annual basis.
 - (c) In the event that a provider who contracted with the department of corrections is found to have violated the guidelines and standards developed pursuant to section 16-11.7-103, the department of corrections shall terminate the contract with the provider.
 - (d) This subsection (1.5) is repealed, effective September 1, 2028. Prior to repeal, this subsection (1.5) is scheduled for review in accordance with section 16-11.7-103 (6).
 - (2) (a) The board shall".

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