



May 4, 2016

**SB 16-019 - CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT COURT-ORDERED MENTAL
CONDITION EXAMINATIONS BE RECORDED**

Senate Sponsorship: Senator Cooke

House Sponsorship: Representatives Saine and Foote,

Dear Senator Cooke and Representatives Saine, Foote, Kagan, Lee, Carver, Court, Dore, Lawrence, Lundeen, Melton, Salazar and Willett,

The Colorado Psychiatric Society and the Colorado Psychological Association have worked with stakeholders, including the District Attorneys' Council, to reach consensus. We have taken a neutral position on the Re-Engrossed bill.

Concerns that were addressed include:

- Limiting recording of sanity evaluations to Felony 1, Felony 2 and Sexual Offense Crimes.
- Forensic experts having the option of not recording the evaluation if a defendant has mental conditions that would obstruct the examination and present a significant obstacle to completing a clinically appropriate evaluation.
- Clarification that proprietary psychological testing shall not be recorded.
- Changing the effective date of the bill to January 1, 2017 so that appropriate procedures and processes can be developed.

Thank you,

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