



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANN HERBST: S.3257 SUPPORTER

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### **What can you tell us about Young People in Recovery?**

Young People in Recovery (YPR) is a national nonprofit organization focusing on peer support services for youth and young adults (defined as up to age 30) who are in recovery from substance use disorder. YPR provides life-skills and pro-social opportunities that sustain young people in long-term recovery. YPR embraces all pathways to recovery including 12-step, faith-based, medication-assisted, harm reduction, and others. YPR was formed in 2010 by young people in recovery who wanted to help others. YPR currently has 60 chapters in 23 states with new chapters launching throughout the year. All of our programs are offered free of charge to participants and our materials are available in English and Spanish.

### **Why is Young People in Recovery supporting passage of S.3257 before the end of 2022?**

At YPR, we envision a world where all young people have the resources they need to thrive in recovery from addiction. For individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD), this may include taking medication to treat OUD. Under current law, health care providers can hold injectable buprenorphine for patients with OUD for only 14 days. For individuals with OUD, this can be insufficient time for them to organize transportation, time off from work or school, find childcare, or handle other logistical barriers that might impact an individual's ability to visit a doctor's office within 14-days. S.3257 would expand the 14-day limit to 60-days, to ensure that individuals with OUD have sufficient time to receive their treatment. Without treatment, individuals can be at risk of OUD recurrence or progression, even death. Ultimately, passing S.3257 will help health care providers meet people where they are in their recovery journey and ensure access to life-saving treatments.