

**Representative Brian S. King** proposes the following substitute bill:

**STATE BEST PRACTICES FOR CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Brian S. King**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill defines the Crisis Intervention Team Utah Program that is administered through the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ enacts the Crisis Intervention Team Utah Program Act, including:
  - defining terms; and
  - codifying the procedures and practices of the Crisis Intervention Team Utah Program.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**62A-15-1201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**62A-15-1202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**62A-15-1203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



26 [62A-15-1204](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953  
27 [62A-15-1205](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953  
28 [62A-15-1206](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section [62A-15-1201](#) is enacted to read:

32 **Part 12. Crisis Intervention Team Utah Program Act**

33 **[62A-15-1201](#). Title.**

34 This part is known as the "Crisis Intervention Team Utah Program Act."

35 Section 2. Section [62A-15-1202](#) is enacted to read:

36 **[62A-15-1202](#). Definitions.**

37 As used in this part:

38 (1) "Advisory council" means the Crisis Intervention Team Utah Program Advisory  
39 Council as described under Section [62A-15-1204](#).

40 (2) "Crisis intervention team coordinator" means an individual identified by the local  
41 mental health authority or a law enforcement agency of that mental health authority's  
42 jurisdiction who has the responsibility of a Crisis Intervention Team Utah Regional Program or  
43 specialized crisis intervention team program in accordance with Section [62A-15-1203](#).

44 (3) "Crisis Intervention Team Utah Regional Program" means a program:

45 (a) in a geographical area of the state that is one of the state mental health catchment  
46 areas;

47 (b) that consists of a partnership between a law enforcement agency within the mental  
48 health catchment area, the mental health catchment area's mental health authority, and  
49 advocacy organizations; and

50 (c) that acts in accordance with Subsection [62A-15-1203](#)(2).

51 (4) "Crisis intervention team officer" means a certified peace officer of a law  
52 enforcement agency in the state who is certified as a crisis intervention team officer under  
53 Section [62A-15-1205](#).

54 (5) "Mental health catchment area" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
55 [62A-15-611](#).

56 (6) "Peace officer" means an officer certified in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 13,

57 Peace Officer Classifications.

58 (7) "Specialized crisis intervention program" means a program that is focused on a  
59 particular circumstance such as corrections or youth.

60 (8) "Statewide program" means the single statewide Crisis Intervention Team Utah  
61 Program consisting of Crisis Intervention Team Utah Regional Programs.

62 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1203** is enacted to read:

63 **62A-15-1203. Crisis Intervention Team Utah Regional program.**

64 (1) Within a mental health catchment area that participates in the statewide program,  
65 the mental health authority for the mental health catchment area, a law enforcement agency of  
66 that mental health catchment area, and the statewide program administration shall partner to  
67 conduct a Crisis Intervention Team Utah Regional Program for the mental health catchment  
68 area as described in Subsection (2). The mental health authority and law enforcement agency  
69 shall designate one or more individuals as crisis intervention team coordinators.

70 (2) A Crisis Intervention Team Utah Regional Program shall:

71 (a) work in partnership with the statewide program and the statewide program's  
72 administration;

73 (b) provide specialized training for peace officers that allows a peace officer to become  
74 or remain certified as a crisis intervention team officer in accordance with Section  
75 62A-15-1205;

76 (c) provide other de-escalation training for peace officers and other first responders;

77 (d) work with local communities in developing effective crisis response systems  
78 throughout the mental health catchment area;

79 (e) advocate for behavioral health services; and

80 (f) be represented on the advisory council by the Crisis Intervention Team Utah  
81 Regional Program's coordinators.

82 Section 4. Section **62A-15-1204** is enacted to read:

83 **62A-15-1204. Crisis Intervention Team Utah Program Advisory Council.**

84 (1) There is a Crisis Intervention Team Utah Program Advisory Council that consists  
85 of:

86 (a) a representative of the statewide program's administration;

87 (b) Crisis Intervention Team Utah Regional Program coordinators from each mental

88 health catchment area described in Subsection [62A-15-1203\(1\)](#);

89 (c) the division's director or the director's designee; and

90 (d) representation from other partnered agencies or organizations.

91 (2) (a) A majority of the advisory council constitutes a quorum.

92 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum present is an action of the advisory council.

93 (c) The advisory council may designate a member of the advisory council to act as  
94 chair for a term of one year.

95 (d) The advisory council may determine who is a member of the advisory council  
96 under Subsection (1)(d).

97 (3) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but  
98 may receive per diem and travel expenses if approved by the advisory council and in  
99 accordance with:

100 (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);

101 (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

102 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
103 [63A-3-107](#).

104 (4) The division shall staff the advisory council and maintain a current membership list  
105 of the advisory council.

106 (5) Subject to approval by the division, the advisory council shall recommend:

107 (a) standards, curriculum, and training for the statewide program and Crisis  
108 Intervention Team Utah Regional Programs; and

109 (b) the certification and recertification process for a peace officer to be a certified crisis  
110 intervention team officer in accordance with Section [62A-15-1205](#).

111 Section 5. Section **62A-15-1205** is enacted to read:

112 **62A-15-1205. Certification of peace officers.**

113 (1) To be originally certified as a crisis intervention team officer, a peace officer shall:

114 (a) complete the training approved by the division in accordance with Section  
115 [62A-15-1206](#); and

116 (b) pass the required testing approved by the division in accordance with Section  
117 [62A-15-1206](#).

118 (2) To maintain certification, a crisis intervention team officer shall comply with

119 recertification requirements approved by the division in accordance with Section [62A-15-1206](#).

120 Section 6. Section **62A-15-1206** is enacted to read:

121 **62A-15-1206. Division responsibilities for statewide program.**

122 (1) The division shall support the continued development of the statewide program by:

123 (a) providing oversight of the statewide program through a contractual agreement,  
124 made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, with an entity that  
125 will provide the statewide program's administration;

126 (b) approving by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
127 Administrative Rulemaking Act, standards, curriculum, and training for the statewide program;

128 (c) monitoring standards, curriculum, and training for the statewide program; and

129 (d) providing the procedure by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,  
130 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, for certification and recertification of crisis intervention  
131 team officers.

132 (2) In complying with Subsection (1), the division shall:

133 (a) implement the core elements of the best practices found nationally for crisis  
134 intervention teams; and

135 (b) collaborate with the Division of Peace Officer Standards and Training and  
136 advocacy organizations.