

1 **MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION COUNCIL**

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher**

5 House Sponsor: Angela Romero

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **Committee Note:**

9 The Government Operations Interim Committee recommended this bill.

10 Legislative Vote: 12 voting for 1 voting against 3 absent

11 **General Description:**

12 This bill creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council to establish protocols
13 and standards for the training and functioning of local mental health crisis intervention
14 teams.

15 **Highlighted Provisions:**

16 This bill:

- 17 ▶ defines terms;
- 18 ▶ creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council;
- 19 ▶ addresses the council's membership, meetings, compensation, and staff;
- 20 ▶ describes the duties of the council, including developing a program providing for:
 - 21 • training, and developing protocols and standards, for local mental health crisis
 - 22 intervention teams; and
 - 23 • implementation and oversight of crisis intervention teams on a local and
 - 24 statewide basis;
- 25 ▶ requires the council to present the program and recommendations relating to the
- 26 program to the Government Operations Interim Committee and other organizations;
- 27 ▶ provides for training grants as funding becomes available; and



28 ▶ repeals the council after the council's duties are completed.

29 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

30 None

31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32 None

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

34 AMENDS:

35 **63I-2-262**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 212

36 ENACTS:

37 **62A-15-1901**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

38 **62A-15-1902**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

39 **62A-15-1903**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

42 Section 1. Section **62A-15-1901** is enacted to read:

43 **Part 19. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council**

44 **62A-15-1901. Definitions.**

45 As used in this part:

46 (1) "Council" means the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council created in Section
47 62A-15-1902.

48 (2) "Crisis intervention team" means a local mental health crisis intervention team
49 created to provide services to individuals, and the families of individuals, experiencing a
50 behavioral health or psychiatric emergency.

51 (3) "Mental health catchment area" means a county or group of counties governed by a
52 local mental health authority.

53 Section 2. Section **62A-15-1902** is enacted to read:

54 **62A-15-1902. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council -- Creation --**

55 **Membership -- Meetings -- Compensation -- Staff.**

56 (1) There is created, within the division, the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council.

57 (2) The council comprises the following members:

58 (a) the director or the director's designee;

- 59 (b) two members representing statewide mental health advocacy organizations,
60 appointed by the director;
- 61 (c) an individual who has experienced mental illness, appointed by the director;
- 62 (d) a family member of an individual who has experienced mental illness, appointed by
63 the director;
- 64 (e) a representative of an urban local mental health authority, appointed by the director;
- 65 (f) a representative of a rural local mental health authority, appointed by the director;
- 66 (g) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association from an urban area,
67 appointed by the director based upon a recommendation from the association;
- 68 (h) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association from a rural area,
69 appointed by the director based upon a recommendation from the association;
- 70 (i) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association from an urban area, appointed by
71 the director based upon a recommendation from the association;
- 72 (j) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association from a rural area, appointed by the
73 director based upon a recommendation from the association;
- 74 (k) the executive director of the Department of Public Safety or the executive director's
75 designee;
- 76 (l) the executive director of the Department of Corrections or the executive director's
77 designee; and
- 78 (m) other individuals, appointed by the director, with knowledge and experience that
79 would be useful to the council.
- 80 (3) (a) If a vacancy occurs on the council, the director shall appoint a replacement
81 member.
- 82 (b) The director may remove a member for cause, including failure to regularly attend
83 meetings.
- 84 (4) (a) The council shall meet when a meeting is called by the director, the chair, or
85 upon a request of a majority of the council members.
- 86 (b) A majority of the council members appointed constitutes a quorum and a two-thirds
87 majority of a quorum present constitutes action of the council.
- 88 (c) The council shall appoint a chair from among the council's members upon a
89 two-thirds majority vote of a quorum.

90 (5) A member of the council may not receive compensation or benefits for the
91 member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
92 (a) Section 63A-3-106;
93 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
94 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and
95 63A-3-107.

96 (6) The division shall provide staff support to the council.

97 Section 3. Section 62A-15-1903 is enacted to read:

98 **62A-15-1903. Council duties -- Training grants.**

99 (1) The council shall develop a program to:

100 (a) train crisis intervention teams throughout the state; and

101 (b) establish standards for crisis intervention teams, including coordination within and
102 between teams.

103 (2) The program shall:

104 (a) include required curriculum and required practice standards based on best practices
105 for crisis intervention;

106 (b) establish standards for completion of initial crisis intervention team training and
107 annual continuing education training, including:

108 (i) at least 40 hours of initial training; and

109 (ii) successful completion of an approved exam;

110 (c) prioritize crisis intervention efforts by collaborating with law enforcement and
111 statewide mental health advocacy efforts;

112 (d) take into consideration local training needs; and

113 (e) establish mental health and law enforcement coordinator roles and responsibilities
114 for implementation and oversight of crisis intervention teams on a statewide basis, and in each
115 mental health catchment area, that utilizes input and representation from:

116 (i) for statewide implementation and oversight:

117 (A) individuals who have experienced mental illness; and

118 (B) statewide mental health advocates; and

119 (ii) for implementation and oversight in a mental health catchment area:

120 (A) individuals who reside within the mental health catchment area and have

121 experienced mental illness; and
122 (B) mental health advocates within the mental health catchment area.
123 (3) The council shall:
124 (a) before July 1, 2022, develop and present the program, in writing, to the director;
125 (b) before August 1, 2022, present the program, and other recommendations related to
126 the duties of the council, for review and input to:
127 (i) the Government Operations Interim Committee;
128 (ii) the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, the Utah Sheriffs' Association, the
129 Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, and the Utah Association of
130 Counties;
131 (iii) the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, created in Section
132 63M-7-301; and
133 (iv) the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission, created in Section
134 63C-18-202; and
135 (c) before December 1, 2022, submit the plan in final form to the Government
136 Operations Interim Committee for consideration as a potential committee bill, which may
137 include a grant of administrative rulemaking authority as appropriate.
138 (4) The division shall, as funding becomes available, provide training grants to crisis
139 intervention teams.

140 Section 4. Section **63I-2-262** is amended to read:
141 **63I-2-262. Repeal dates -- Title 62A.**
142 (1) Subsection **62A-5-103.1(6)** is repealed January 1, 2023.
143 (2) Section **62A-5-111** is repealed January 1, 2021.
144 (3) Title 62A, Chapter 15, Part 19, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council, is
145 repealed January 1, 2023.