

1                   **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

2                                   **CO-RESPONSE**

3   2023 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

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6 **LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8           This bill creates a grant program for expanded mobile crisis intervention teams to be  
9           administered by the Division of Integrated Healthcare.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11           This bill:

- 12           ▶ establishes a grant program, administered by the Division of Integrated Healthcare,
- 13                           to fund an appropriate response to an individual experiencing a mental health crisis
- 14                           through new or expanded crisis intervention or mobile crisis outreach teams;
- 15           ▶ provides that the division shall certify the teams, looking to national models for
- 16                           input;
- 17           ▶ requires teams created or expanded through the program to work in partnership to
- 18                           implement or enhance a local crisis response model and system; and
- 19           ▶ requires tracking and reporting of activities and outcomes funded through the
- 20                           program.

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22           None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24           None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 ENACTS:

27           **26B-4-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

30           Section 1. Section **26B-4-102** is enacted to read:

31           **26B-4-102. Mental Health crisis response grant program.**

32 (1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Best Practice Crisis Intervention Team" means a team of officers and mental  
34 health professionals certified by the division.

35 (b) "Division" means the Division of Integrated Healthcare created in Section  
36 26B-1-204.

37 (c) "Local law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
38 53-13-101.

39 (d) "Local mental health authority" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
40 62A-15-102.

41 (e) "Mobile crisis outreach team" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
42 62A-15-102.

43 (2) The division shall establish and administer a grant program for:

44 (a) local law enforcement agencies to create or expand best practice crisis intervention  
45 teams in partnership with mobile crisis outreach teams; and

46 (b) local mental health authorities to create or expand mobile crisis outreach teams.

47 (3) The partnership with mobile crisis outreach teams is a response model that deploys  
48 a mental health clinician and a certified peer support specialist in response to an incident where  
49 an individual needs assistance and the incident does not involve:

50 (a) injury;

51 (b) violence; or

52 (c) a weapon.

53 (4) The goal of the partnership for incident responses is an outcome for the individual  
54 in crisis that may:

55 (a) reduce the possibility of commitment, hospitalization, or incarceration; and

56 (b) increase engagements with appropriate community resources and services.

57 (5) The division shall establish data tracking and reporting requirements for a local law  
58 enforcement agency or local mental health authority that receives a grant through the program  
59 described in Subsection (2), which shall include:

60 (a) activities;

61 (b) outcomes; and

62 (c) collaborations.

63           (6) The division shall:

64           (a) make rules in accordance with the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, Title 63G,  
65           Chapter 2, establishing standards, qualifications, and training requirements for the certification  
66           of teams described in Subsection (1)(a); and

67           (b) incorporate national models for standards, qualifications, and training requirements  
68           for team certification.