

1 **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

2 **CO-RESPONSE**

3 2023 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Andrew Stoddard**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

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LONG TITLE

8 **Committee Note:**

9 The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee recommended this bill.

10 Legislative Vote: 14 voting for 0 voting against 3 absent

11 **General Description:**

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

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

16 ▶ establishes a grant program, administered by the Division of Integrated Healthcare,
17 to fund an appropriate response to an individual experiencing a mental health crisis
18 through new or expanded crisis intervention or mobile crisis outreach teams;

19 ▶ provides that the division shall certify the teams, looking to national models for
20 input;

21 ▶ requires teams created or expanded through the program to work in partnership to
22 implement or enhance a local crisis response model and system; and

23 ▶ requires tracking and reporting of activities and outcomes funded through the
24 program.

25 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

26 None
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28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 None

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 ENACTS:

32 **26B-4-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

36 **26B-4-102. Mental health crisis response grant program.**

37 (1) As used in this section:

38 (a) "Best practice crisis intervention team" means a team of officers and mental health
39 professionals certified by the division.

40 (b) "Division" means the Division of Integrated Healthcare created in Section
41 26B-1-204.

42 (c) "Local law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section
43 53-13-101.

44 (d) "Local mental health authority" means the same as that term is defined in Section
45 62A-15-102.

46 (e) "Mobile crisis outreach team" means the same as that term is defined in Section
47 62A-15-102.

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

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

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

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

55 (a) injury;

56 (b) violence; or

57 (c) a weapon.

58 (4) The goal of the partnership for incident responses is an outcome for the individual

59 in crisis that may:

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

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

62 (5) The division shall establish data tracking and reporting requirements for a local law

63 enforcement agency or local mental health authority that receives a grant through the program

64 described in Subsection (2), which shall include:

65 (a) activities;

66 (b) outcomes; and

67 (c) collaborations.

68 (6) The division shall:

69 (a) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter3, Utah Administrative

70 Rulemaking Act, establishing standards, qualifications, and training requirements for the

71 certification of teams described in Subsection (1)(a); and

72 (b) incorporate national models for standards, qualifications, and training requirements

73 for team certification.