

**Representative Andrew Stoddard** proposes the following substitute bill:

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**CO-RESPONSE**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Andrew Stoddard**

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

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ establishes a grant program, administered by the Division of Integrated Healthcare, to fund a response to an individual experiencing a mental health crisis through new or expanded crisis intervention or mobile crisis outreach teams;
- ▶ provides that the division shall certify the teams, looking to national models for input; and
- ▶ requires tracking and reporting of activities and outcomes funded through the program.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**



26 ENACTS:

27 [26B-4-102](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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 law enforcement officers  
34 and mental health professionals certified by the division and operating in accordance with the  
35 recommendations of the council.

36 (b) "Council" means the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council created in Section  
37 [62A-15-1902](#).

38 (c) "Division" means the Division of Integrated Healthcare created in Section  
39 [26B-1-204](#).

40 (d) "Law enforcement officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
41 [53-13-103](#).

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

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

46 (g) "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; and

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

52 (3) (a) If an individual in crisis requires assistance and the crisis incident is  
53 accompanied by physical injury, violence, or a weapon, the local law enforcement agency or  
54 local mental health authority shall direct a best practice crisis intervention team to deploy to  
55 assist the individual.

56 (b) A mobile crisis outreach team may not deploy to assist an individual in crisis if the

57 crisis incident involves physical injury, violence, or a weapon.

58 (4) The goal of incident response by a best practice crisis intervention team or mobile  
59 crisis outreach team is to:

60 (a) reduce the likelihood of commitment, hospitalization, or incarceration of the  
61 individual in crisis; and

62 (b) increase engagement with appropriate community resources and services for the  
63 individual in crisis.

64 (5) The division shall:

65 (a) establish data tracking and reporting requirements for a local law enforcement  
66 agency or local mental health authority that receives a grant through the program described in  
67 Subsection (2), which shall include:

68 (i) activities;

69 (ii) outcomes; and

70 (iii) collaborations;

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

74 (c) incorporate national models for standards, qualifications, and training requirements  
75 for team certification.