

**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: Stephanie Pitcher

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates a grant program for best practice 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 best practice crisis intervention teams; 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:**

ENACTS:

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



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

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

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

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Best practice crisis intervention team" means a team of law enforcement officers and mental health professionals:

(i) certified by the division; and

(ii) operating in accordance with the recommendations of the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council created in Section [62A-15-1902](#).

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

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

(d) "Mobile crisis outreach team" means the same as that term is defined in Section [62A-15-102](#).

(2) The division shall establish and administer a grant program for local law enforcement agencies to create or expand best practice crisis intervention teams to respond to an incident upon request of a mobile crisis outreach team or if the mobile crisis outreach team is not available.

(3) The goal of incident response by a best practice intervention team is an outcome for the individual in crisis that:

(a) increases engagement with appropriate community resources and services; and

(b) reduces the likelihood of:

(i) commitment;

(ii) hospitalization; or

(iii) incarceration.

(4) The division:

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

- 57            (i) activities;  
58            (ii) outcomes; and  
59            (iii) collaborations; and  
60            (b) may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
61 Rulemaking Act, for:  
62            (i) establishing standards, qualifications, and training requirements for the certification  
63 of teams described in Subsection (1)(a); and  
64            (ii) administrating the grant program as described in Subsection (2).