

1 AN ACT relating to reorganization.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *As used in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act:*

6 *(1) "Community crisis response team" means the statewide team of trained*  
7 *volunteers who provide behavioral health-related crisis response services in*  
8 *accordance with protocols and procedures established by the department;*

9 *(2) "Crisis response services" means consultation, risk assessment, referral, and on-*  
10 *site crisis intervention services provided to persons with behavioral health needs*  
11 *resulting from a crisis or disaster. "Crisis response services" shall not be*  
12 *construed to include any services performed or intended to be performed by any*  
13 *other agency of the Commonwealth, any of its subdivisions, or any private party*  
14 *included under KRS Chapter 39A, 39B, or 224;*

15 *(3) "Department" means the Department for Behavioral Health, Intellectual and*  
16 *Developmental Disabilities; and*

17 *(4) "Local community crisis response team" means a team of trained volunteers who*  
18 *provide behavioral health-related crisis response services in a county, district, or*  
19 *region in accordance with protocols and procedures established by the*  
20 *department.*

21 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO  
22 READ AS FOLLOWS:

23 *(1) The department shall coordinate behavioral health-related community crisis and*  
24 *disaster response. The department shall have primary responsibility and authority*  
25 *for planning and executing behavioral health-related community crisis response*  
26 *and behavioral health-related disaster response.*

27 *(2) The department shall:*

- 1        (a) Develop, update, and maintain a statewide community crisis response  
2        support plan for providing crisis response services;
- 3        (b) Serve as the primary state agency for the core functional area of mental  
4        health and substance abuse care under Emergency Support Function #8,  
5        Public Health and Medical Services;
- 6        (c) Annually review the behavioral health portion of the Kentucky Emergency  
7        Operations Plan and make recommendations for updates to the plan;
- 8        (d) Participate in state-level planning workgroups to address the provision of  
9        crisis response services;
- 10       (e) Establish and maintain memoranda of understanding and master  
11       agreements with local partners to provide crisis response services following  
12       a disaster or critical incident;
- 13       (f) Develop, administer, and maintain a statewide system of registration and  
14       credentialing of community crisis response volunteers to provide crisis  
15       response services;
- 16       (g) Actively recruit volunteers to serve on the community crisis response team  
17       and the local community crisis response teams, ensuring representation  
18       from a diversity of first responders and behavioral health provider peer  
19       groups;
- 20       (h) Develop, administer, and maintain a statewide network of registered,  
21       credentialed, and regional response-ready volunteers to provide crisis  
22       response services following a disaster or critical incidents in the  
23       Commonwealth;
- 24       (i) Participate in local and statewide all-hazards and terrorism disaster  
25       exercises focusing on meeting behavioral health needs of those affected;
- 26       (j) Create and execute all-hazards and terrorism disaster exercises for  
27       volunteers for the community crisis response team and local community

1           *crisis response teams focusing on meeting behavioral health needs of those*  
2           *affected;*

3           *(k) Apply for and administer Federal Emergency Management Agency crisis*  
4           *counseling grants following a Presidential declaration, in collaboration*  
5           *with local and regional behavioral health providers; and*

6           *(l) Apply for and administer community crisis response and disaster specific*  
7           *behavioral health grants from:*

8           *1. The federal government;*

9           *2. Private foundations; and*

10          *3. Other sources that may be available for programs related to*  
11          *supporting survivors of crisis events or community disasters.*

12          ➔Section 3. The following KRS sections are repealed:

13          36.250 Definitions for KRS 36.250 to 36.270.

14          36.255 Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board -- Members -- Meetings.

15          36.260 Duties of board.

16          36.265 Attorney General to represent board members in civil proceedings.

17          36.270 Status of state and local government employees acting on behalf of board.