

SENATE BILL 673

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,
Chapter 3, relative to veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department of veterans services shall provide training in mental health crisis management to the employees of the department who directly interact with veterans. The training provided pursuant to this section must equip employees with the ability to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health issues common to veterans, to properly manage situations in which a veteran is a danger to the veteran or others, and to provide information regarding resources for mental health treatment. The department may utilize resources from veterans groups to provide the training required by this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.