

1 **MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION COUNCIL**

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher**

5 House Sponsor: Angela Romero

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council to establish protocols
10 and standards for the training and functioning of local mental health crisis intervention
11 teams.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ defines terms;
- 15 ▶ creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council;
- 16 ▶ addresses the council's membership, meetings, compensation, and staff;
- 17 ▶ describes the duties of the council, including developing a program providing for:
 - 18 • training, and developing protocols and standards, for local mental health crisis
 - 19 intervention teams; and
 - 20 • implementation and oversight of crisis intervention teams on a local and
 - 21 statewide basis;
- 22 ▶ requires the council to present the program and recommendations relating to the
- 23 program to the Government Operations Interim Committee and other organizations;
- 24 ▶ provides for training grants as funding becomes available; and
- 25 ▶ repeals the council after the council's duties are completed.

26 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

27 None

28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 None

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 AMENDS:

32 **63I-2-262**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 212

33 ENACTS:

34 **62A-15-1901**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

35 **62A-15-1902**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36 **62A-15-1903**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

39 Section 1. Section **62A-15-1901** is enacted to read:

40 **Part 19. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council**

41 **62A-15-1901. Definitions.**

42 As used in this part:

43 (1) "Council" means the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council created in Section
44 62A-15-1902.

45 (2) "Crisis intervention team" means a local mental health crisis intervention team
46 created to provide services to individuals, and the families of individuals, experiencing a
47 behavioral health or psychiatric emergency.

48 (3) "Mental health catchment area" means a county or group of counties governed by a
49 local mental health authority.

50 Section 2. Section **62A-15-1902** is enacted to read:

51 **62A-15-1902. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council -- Creation --**

52 **Membership -- Meetings -- Compensation -- Staff.**

53 (1) There is created, within the division, the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council.

54 (2) The council comprises the following members:

55 (a) the director or the director's designee;

56 (b) two members representing statewide mental health advocacy organizations,
57 appointed by the director;

- 58 (c) an individual who has experienced mental illness, appointed by the director;
- 59 (d) a family member of an individual who has experienced mental illness, appointed by
- 60 the director;
- 61 (e) a representative of an urban local mental health authority, appointed by the director;
- 62 (f) a representative of a rural local mental health authority, appointed by the director;
- 63 (g) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association from an urban area,
- 64 appointed by the director based upon a recommendation from the association;
- 65 (h) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association from a rural area,
- 66 appointed by the director based upon a recommendation from the association;
- 67 (i) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association from an urban area, appointed by
- 68 the director based upon a recommendation from the association;
- 69 (j) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association from a rural area, appointed by the
- 70 director based upon a recommendation from the association;
- 71 (k) the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or the commissioner's
- 72 designee;
- 73 (l) the executive director of the Department of Corrections or the executive director's
- 74 designee; and
- 75 (m) other individuals, appointed by the director, with knowledge and experience that
- 76 would be useful to the council.
- 77 (3) (a) If a vacancy occurs on the council, the director shall appoint a replacement
- 78 member.
- 79 (b) The director may remove a member for cause, including failure to regularly attend
- 80 meetings.
- 81 (4) (a) The council shall meet when a meeting is called by the director, the chair, or
- 82 upon a request of a majority of the council members.
- 83 (b) A majority of the council members appointed constitutes a quorum and a two-thirds
- 84 majority of a quorum present constitutes action of the council.
- 85 (c) The council shall appoint a chair from among the council's members upon a

86 two-thirds majority vote of a quorum.

87 (5) A member of the council may not receive compensation or benefits for the
88 member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

89 (a) Section 63A-3-106;

90 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

91 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and
92 63A-3-107.

93 (6) The division shall provide staff support to the council.

94 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1903** is enacted to read:

95 **62A-15-1903. Council duties -- Training grants.**

96 (1) The council shall develop a program to:

97 (a) train crisis intervention teams throughout the state; and

98 (b) establish standards for crisis intervention teams, including coordination within and
99 between teams.

100 (2) The program shall:

101 (a) include required curriculum and required practice standards based on best practices
102 for crisis intervention;

103 (b) establish standards for completion of initial crisis intervention team training and
104 annual continuing education training, including:

105 (i) at least 40 hours of initial training; and

106 (ii) successful completion of an approved exam;

107 (c) prioritize crisis intervention efforts by collaborating with law enforcement and
108 statewide mental health advocacy efforts;

109 (d) take into consideration local training needs; and

110 (e) establish mental health and law enforcement coordinator roles and responsibilities
111 for implementation and oversight of crisis intervention teams on a statewide basis, and in each
112 mental health catchment area, that utilizes input and representation from:

113 (i) for statewide implementation and oversight:

- 114 (A) individuals who have experienced mental illness; and
 - 115 (B) statewide mental health advocates; and
 - 116 (ii) for implementation and oversight in a mental health catchment area:
 - 117 (A) individuals who reside within the mental health catchment area and have
 - 118 experienced mental illness; and
 - 119 (B) mental health advocates within the mental health catchment area.
 - 120 (3) The council shall:
 - 121 (a) before July 1, 2022, develop and present the program, in writing, to the director;
 - 122 (b) before August 1, 2022, present the program, and other recommendations related to
 - 123 the duties of the council, for review and input to:
 - 124 (i) the Government Operations Interim Committee;
 - 125 (ii) the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, the Utah Sheriffs' Association, the
 - 126 Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, and the Utah Association of
 - 127 Counties;
 - 128 (iii) the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, created in Section
 - 129 [63M-7-301](#); and
 - 130 (iv) the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission, created in Section
 - 131 [63C-18-202](#); and
 - 132 (c) before December 1, 2022, submit the plan in final form to the Government
 - 133 Operations Interim Committee for consideration as a potential committee bill, which may
 - 134 include a grant of administrative rulemaking authority as appropriate.
 - 135 (4) The division shall, as funding becomes available, provide training grants to crisis
 - 136 intervention teams.
- 137 Section 4. Section **63I-2-262** is amended to read:
- 138 **63I-2-262. Repeal dates -- Title 62A.**
- 139 (1) Subsection [62A-5-103.1\(6\)](#) is repealed January 1, 2023.
 - 140 (2) Section [62A-5-111](#) is repealed January 1, 2021.
 - 141 (3) Title 62A, Chapter 15, Part 19, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council, is

142 repealed January 1, 2023.