

1 HB75
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3 By Representative Hill
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a law enforcement
9 officer must successfully complete the law
10 enforcement training course at an academy approved
11 by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and
12 Training Commission (APOSTC) before he or she can
13 be a certified officer. However, there is no
14 specific training regarding Crisis Intervention
15 Training (CIT) in the curriculum.

16 This bill would require the APOSTC to
17 provide mandatory CIT programs for trainees in
18 commission-approved academies.

19 This bill would also require a certified law
20 enforcement officer to complete a continuing
21 education course relating to crisis intervention.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 Relating to law enforcement officers; to require the
2 APOSTC to provide a mandatory CIT program for existing law
3 enforcement officers and certain trainees under certain
4 conditions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. (a) By January 1, 2022, the APOSTC shall
7 provide a stand alone crisis intervention training program
8 (CIT), as part of the curriculum of training required under
9 Section 36-21-46, Code of Alabama 1975, to all law enforcement
10 trainees within the commission's jurisdiction.

11 (b) A law enforcement officer certified by the
12 commission prior to January 1, 2022, shall complete the CIT
13 program required under subsection (a) by January 1, 2023.

14 (c) The commission shall collaborate with the
15 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Alabama, in the
16 development of the CIT program. The program shall be modeled
17 in accordance with the NAMI Alabama existing program
18 standards.

19 (d) The commission shall annually review and update
20 the training to include changes and trends in crisis
21 intervention.

22 (e) The commission may adopt rules for the
23 implementation and administration of this act.

24 Section 2. This act shall become effective
25 immediately, following its passage and approval by the
26 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.