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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

ENCOURAGING THE ALABAMA PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TO OFFER CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.

WHEREAS, there exists a mental health crisis in America and more specifically in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, oftentimes persons living with a mental illness find themselves involved in a confrontation with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, one of the most effective ways to mitigate an encounter between law enforcement and a person living with a mental illness is to de-escalate the confrontation; and

WHEREAS, the gold standard in the de-escalation process results from training included in a program known as Crisis Intervention Training (CIT); and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (APOST) provides mandatory training of all persons certified in Alabama as law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, APOST training includes two components mandatory for graduation, firearms training and first aid training; and

WHEREAS, the APOST leadership recognizes the value of crisis intervention training and has expressed a

1 willingness to include as a mandatory component for graduation
2 a version of CIT as soon as is practical; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That APOST is congratulated on its
5 willingness to recognize the importance and value of crisis
6 intervention training; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That crisis intervention
8 training shall commence at the earliest possible date as a
9 mandatory component of APOST training.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That APOST shall incorporate
11 CIT into continuing education for law enforcement in its next
12 curriculum revision for continuing education.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 13-APR-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	19-MAY-17	Amended and Passed
House	19-MAY-17	Concurred in Senate Amendment