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3 By Senator Jones
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a law enforcement officer must successfully complete the law enforcement training course at an academy approved by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission before he or she can be a certified officer. However, there is no specific training regarding crisis intervention training (CIT) in the curriculum.

This bill would require the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission to provide mandatory CIT programs for trainees in commission-approved academies.

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

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 Relating to law enforcement officers; to require the
2 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission to
3 provide a mandatory CIT program for existing law enforcement
4 officers and certain trainees under certain conditions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. (a) By January 1, 2021, the Alabama Peace
7 Officers' Standards and Training Commission shall provide a
8 stand alone crisis intervention training program (CIT), as
9 part of the curriculum of training required under Section
10 36-21-46, Code of Alabama 1975, to all law enforcement
11 trainees within the commission's jurisdiction.

12 (b) A law enforcement officer certified by the
13 commission prior to January 1, 2021, shall complete the CIT
14 program required under subsection (a) by January 1, 2023.

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

20 (d) This training shall be provided with no extra
21 cost to law enforcement.

22 (e) The commission shall annually review and update
23 the training to include changes and trends in crisis
24 intervention.

25 (f) The commission may adopt rules for the
26 implementation and administration of this act.

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