



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 572**

LCO No. 5758



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS  
AND REENTRY CENTERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2022,  
2 the Office of Policy and Management shall administer grants to each  
3 municipality that establishes community response teams to work in  
4 conjunction with the mobile crisis teams of the Department of Mental  
5 Health and Addiction Services. The community response teams shall be  
6 comprised of law enforcement officers and mental health professionals  
7 and respond to emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance with  
8 welfare checks, acute mental health emergencies, substance abuse  
9 emergencies or homelessness. Not later than one year from the date a  
10 municipality receives a grant pursuant to this section, the municipality  
11 shall submit a report concerning the impact of the municipality's  
12 community response teams in assisting with calls for assistance and  
13 community interactions to the joint standing committee of the General  
14 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and  
15 security in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
16 statutes.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2022,  
 18 the Department of Correction shall establish a reentry center pilot  
 19 program to promote the successful transition of pretrial, paroled or  
 20 recently discharged offenders from incarceration to the community by  
 21 connecting such offenders with support services and programs and  
 22 other available resources in the community.

23 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Police Officer Standards and  
 24 Training Council established under section 7-294b of the general  
 25 statutes shall (1) study the current curriculum in each police basic or  
 26 review training conducted by the Division of State Police within the  
 27 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or by the  
 28 council relative to interactions with individuals with a mental,  
 29 intellectual or physical disability, mental health awareness and practices  
 30 and techniques that promote de-escalation, and (2) make  
 31 recommendations to expand opportunities for state and local police  
 32 officers to receive crisis intervention team patrol specialist training. Not  
 33 later than February 1, 2022, the council shall submit the results of such  
 34 study and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
 35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety  
 36 and security in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
 37 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish programs to support alternative police response programs and individuals reentering the community from prison.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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