



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 572

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS,
REENTRY CENTERS AND POLICE OFFICER TRAINING.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "mental health professional" has the same meaning as provided in
3 section 31-294k of the general statutes and "public safety agency" and
4 "public safety answering point" have the same meanings as provided in
5 section 28-25 of the general statutes.

6 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Office of Policy and
7 Management shall administer grants to each municipality that forms
8 community response teams to work with the mobile crisis teams
9 established by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
10 Services. The community response teams shall (1) be led by a mental
11 health professional and respond to emergency and nonemergency 9-1-1
12 calls for assistance with welfare checks, mental health crises, substance
13 abuse emergencies or issues related to homelessness, and (2) operate in
14 collaboration with the public safety answering point and public safety
15 agencies serving such municipality and be integrated with the
16 dispatching of emergency services.

17 (c) Not later than one year from the date a municipality receives a
18 grant pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the

19 chief executive officer of the municipality shall submit a report to the
20 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
21 matters relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the
22 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the impact
23 of the municipality's community response teams in assisting with
24 emergency and nonemergency 9-1-1 calls and with community
25 interactions.

26 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2022,
27 the Department of Correction shall administer grants to each
28 municipality that establishes a reentry center to promote the successful
29 transition of pretrial, paroled or recently discharged offenders from
30 incarceration to the community by connecting such offenders with
31 support services and programs and other available resources in the
32 community. The reentry center shall serve as drop-off location for such
33 offenders released by the department to facilitate their connection to
34 such support services and programs and other resources on the day of
35 release.

36 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Police Officer Standards and
37 Training Council, established under section 7-294b of the general
38 statutes, shall (1) study the current curriculum in each police basic or
39 review training conducted by the Division of State Police within the
40 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or by the
41 council relative to interactions with individuals with a mental,
42 intellectual or physical disability, mental health awareness and practices
43 and techniques that promote de-escalation, and (2) make
44 recommendations to expand opportunities for state and local police
45 officers to receive crisis intervention team patrol specialist training. Not
46 later than February 1, 2022, the council shall submit the results of such
47 study and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
48 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
49 and security in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
50 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 Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, Subsec. (a) was added for clarity, Subsec. (b)(2) was rewritten for statutory consistency and "the chief executive officer of" was added in Subsec. (c) for clarity.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*