

By Senator Bullard

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Crisis Intervention Team program; providing for adoption of the program as a pilot program; directing the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida to conduct a study of the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) program; providing the purpose of the study; providing for a report; providing for funding; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce the number of arrests for people who have serious mental illnesses and reduce the use of force-related injuries involving people who have serious mental illnesses. Therefore, the Department of Law Enforcement may adopt the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) program as a pilot program to provide lessons for its statewide use by other law enforcement agencies.

Section 2. The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida shall conduct a study of the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) program being used by the members of the Florida C.I.T. Coalition, which is a coalition of several counties involving law enforcement agencies, community providers, and families and consumers developing the core standards for a consistent C.I.T. program for the state. The purpose of the study is to look at the effectiveness of the C.I.T. program related to a reduction in arrests for people who have serious mental illnesses as well

