Florida Senate - 2006

By Senator Bullard

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Crisis Intervention Team
3	program; providing for adoption of the program
4	as a pilot program; directing the Louis de la
5	Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the
б	University of South Florida to conduct a study
7	of the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.)
8	program; providing the purpose of the study;
9	providing for a report; providing for funding;
10	providing an effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. <u>It is the intent of the Legislature to</u>
15	reduce the number of arrests for people who have serious
16	mental illnesses and reduce the use of force-related injuries
17	involving people who have serious mental illnesses. Therefore,
18	the Department of Law Enforcement may adopt the Crisis
19	Intervention Team (C.I.T.) program as a pilot program to
20	provide lessons for its statewide use by other law enforcement
21	agencies.
22	Section 2. <u>The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health</u>
23	Institute at the University of South Florida shall conduct a
24	study of the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) program being
25	used by the members of the Florida C.I.T. Coalition, which is
26	a coalition of several counties involving law enforcement
27	agencies, community providers, and families and consumers
28	developing the core standards for a consistent C.I.T. program
29	for the state. The purpose of the study is to look at the
30	effectiveness of the C.I.T. program related to a reduction in
31	arrests for people who have serious mental illnesses as well
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1	as an increase in jail diversion activities, a reduction in
2	the use of force-related injuries, and identification of those
3	core elements of the C.I.T. program that make it an effective
4	police response. The institute, in conjunction with the
5	Florida C.I.T. Coalition, shall submit a report of the
6	findings of its study, which must include recommendations as
7	to whether the C.I.T. program should be adopted by all law
8	enforcement agencies as a best practice, recommendations as to
9	the resources necessary to assist communities in adopting the
10	C.I.T. program, and recommendations as to other training needs
11	for law enforcement agencies related to people who have
12	serious mental illnesses, to the Legislature and the
13	Department of Law Enforcement by July 1, 2007.
14	Section 3. The Department of Law Enforcement is
15	authorized to use up to \$175,000 to contract with the Louis de
16	<u>la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute to implement this</u>
17	act.
18	Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
19	law.
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22	SENATE SUMMARY
23	Provides for adoption of the Crisis Intervention Team program (C.I.T.) as a pilot program. Directs the Louis de
24	la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida to conduct a study of the
25	C.I.T. program.
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