

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by
5 changing Section 10.17 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/10.17)

7 Sec. 10.17. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) ~~intervention~~
8 ~~team~~ training; mental health awareness training; certified
9 therapy dog team training and certification.

10 (a) The Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board
11 shall develop and approve a standard curriculum for certified
12 training programs in crisis intervention, including a
13 specialty certification course of at least 40 hours,
14 addressing specialized policing responses to people with
15 mental illnesses. The Board shall conduct Crisis Intervention
16 Team (CIT) training programs that train officers to identify
17 signs and symptoms of mental illness, to de-escalate
18 situations involving individuals who appear to have a mental
19 illness, and connect that person in crisis to treatment.
20 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training programs shall be a
21 collaboration between law enforcement professionals, mental
22 health providers, families, and consumer advocates and must
23 minimally include the following components: (1) basic

1 information about mental illnesses and how to recognize them;
2 (2) information about mental health laws and resources; (3)
3 learning from family members of individuals with mental
4 illness and their experiences; and (4) verbal de-escalation
5 training and role-plays. Officers who have successfully
6 completed this program shall be issued a certificate attesting
7 to their attendance of a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
8 training program.

9 (b) The Board shall create an introductory course
10 incorporating adult learning models that provides law
11 enforcement officers with an awareness of mental health issues
12 including a history of the mental health system, types of
13 mental health illness including signs and symptoms of mental
14 illness and common treatments and medications, and the
15 potential interactions law enforcement officers may have on a
16 regular basis with these individuals, their families, and
17 service providers including de-escalating a potential crisis
18 situation. This course, in addition to other traditional
19 learning settings, may be made available in an electronic
20 format.

21 (c) The Board shall develop a course and certification
22 program for certified therapy dog teams consisting of officers
23 employing the use of therapy dogs in relation to crisis and
24 emergency response. This program shall aim to ensure that
25 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers and therapy dog teams
26 are available in various regions throughout the State to be

1 dispatched in the event of a crisis.

2 The amendatory changes to this Section made by Public Act
3 101-652 shall take effect January 1, 2022.

4 (Source: P.A. 101-652, eff. 7-1-21; 102-28, eff. 6-25-21.)