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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there is no requirement
9 for new or existing law enforcement officers to
10 complete crisis intervention training to
11 de-escalate encounters involving a mental health
12 crisis.

13 This bill would: (1) require the Alabama
14 Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
15 to include crisis intervention training for all
16 new-hire law enforcement officers on duty in this
17 state; (2) require all existing law enforcement
18 officers to complete crisis intervention training;
19 and (3) require all law enforcement officers to
20 receive crisis intervention continuing education
21 training every five years after initial
22 certification.

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1 Relating to law enforcement officers; to require the
2 Alabama Peace Officers' Training Commission to include crisis
3 intervention training in the training curriculum of all active
4 law enforcement officers; to require that all active law
5 enforcement officers complete crisis intervention continuing
6 education training within a specified time frame.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) The Alabama Peace Officers' Standards
9 and Training Commission shall include 40 hours of crisis
10 intervention training in the certification training required
11 under Chapter 21 of Title 36 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
12 designed to de-escalate encounters between certified law
13 enforcement officers and individuals experiencing a mental
14 health crisis at the time of the encounter. The requirement
15 for completion of crisis intervention training shall apply to
16 the following law enforcement personnel:

17 (1) All law enforcement officers hired after the
18 effective date of this act, not later than January 1, 2018.

19 (2) All law enforcement officers hired prior to the
20 effective date of this act, not later than September 30, 2019.

21 (b) Crisis intervention continuing education
22 training shall be administered by the Alabama Peace Officers'
23 Standards and Training Commission for all law enforcement
24 officers not less than once every five years following the
25 initial crisis intervention training certification.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.