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8 ENCOURAGING THE ALABAMA PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND
9 TRAINING COMMISSION TO OFFER CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.

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11 WHEREAS, there exists a mental health crisis in
12 America and more specifically in Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, oftentimes persons living with a mental
14 illness find themselves involved in a confrontation with law
15 enforcement; and

16 WHEREAS, one of the most effective ways to mitigate
17 an encounter between law enforcement and a person living with
18 a mental illness is to de-escalate the confrontation; and

19 WHEREAS, the gold standard in the de-escalation
20 process results from training included in a program known as
21 Crisis Intervention Training (CIT); and

22 WHEREAS, the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and
23 Training Commission (APOST) provides mandatory training of all
24 persons certified in Alabama as law enforcement officers; and

25 WHEREAS, APOST training includes two components
26 mandatory for graduation, firearms training and first aid
27 training; and

1 WHEREAS, the APOST leadership recognizes the value
2 of crisis intervention training and has expressed a
3 willingness to include as a mandatory component for graduation
4 a version of CIT as soon as is practical; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That APOST is congratulated on its
7 willingness to recognize the importance and value of crisis
8 intervention training; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That crisis intervention
10 training shall commence at the earliest possible date as a
11 mandatory component of APOST training.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That APOST shall incorporate
13 CIT into continuing education for law enforcement in its next
14 curriculum revision for continuing education.