#### HJR241 ENROLLED



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3	RECOGNIZING THE POSITIVE APPROACH AND BEST PRACTICES
4	OF THE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM PROGRAMS AND ENCOURAGING THE
5	DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS STATEWIDE.
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7	WHEREAS, mental illness and intellectual disability
8	disorder (IDD) are medical conditions that affect children,
9	adolescents, adults, and the elderly; and
10	WHEREAS, medical conditions warrant non-law
11	enforcement responses unless an identified level of danger
12	or criminal concern requires a law enforcement response; and
13	WHEREAS, behavioral health crises should be resolved
14	using the least intrusive method appropriate for the given
15	situation; and
16	WHEREAS, when a law enforcement response is
17	warranted, law enforcement services in Alabama are prepared
18	to respond appropriately; and
19	WHEREAS, in response to the need for Alabama's law
20	enforcement officers to better understand and deal with
21	issues arising from individuals with mental illness or IDD,
22	the Alabama Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program was
23	developed through the State CIT Steering Committee; and
24	WHEREAS, CIT training, a 40-hour curriculum to be
25	completed in a one-week period and based on the Bureau of
26	Justice Assistance's (BJA) "Crisis Response and Intervention

27 Training (CRIT)," provides best practices for law

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28	enforcement intervention with individuals who have a mental
29	illness or IDD; and
30	WHEREAS, Alabama CIT training meets the certification
31	requirements set forth by the State CIT Steering Committee;
32	and
33	WHEREAS, the Alabama CIT program is recognized by the
34	Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) as one of the
35	finest law enforcement training programs in the nation; and
36	WHEREAS, implementing the CIT program on a statewide
37	basis means building strong working partnerships between law
38	enforcement agencies and mental health resources in the
39	community; and
40	WHEREAS, these partnerships bring law enforcement and
41	mental health services together instead of working
42	independently on mental health issues; and
43	WHEREAS, by working together, the law enforcement and
44	mental health communities can find appropriate and long-term
45	solutions for individuals with mental illness or IDD; and
46	WHEREAS, the CIT program trains specialized law
47	enforcement officers to effectively and humanely intervene
48	in situations involving children and adults who find
49	themselves in psychiatric crisis; and
50	WHEREAS, the CIT program is proven to reduce the
51	likelihood of physical confrontation and use of force in
52	these intervention situations; and
53	WHEREAS, the CIT program improves officer safety and
54	decreases injuries to law enforcement officers involved in
55	crisis intervention; and

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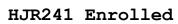
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56	WHEREAS, the CIT program helps link individuals with
57	mental illness or IDD to appropriate treatment and community
58	services; and
59	WHEREAS, the CIT program decreases the use of arrest
60	and detention of individuals experiencing a crisis by
61	providing those individuals with better access to timely
62	treatment; and
63	WHEREAS, the CIT program reduces the amount of time
64	officers would otherwise spend being out of service while
65	awaiting assessment and disposition of the intervention,
66	thereby resulting in cost savings; and
67	WHEREAS, according to national studies, volunteer
68	officers with CIT training were less likely to use force
69	when dealing with mentally ill or IDD individuals, and
70	CIT-trained officers believed that nonphysical responses
71	were more effective and physical responses less effective in
72	dealing with a mental illness or IDD than non-CIT-trained
73	officers; and
74	WHEREAS, CIT-trained officers understand how symptoms
75	of mental illness and IDD may be manifested and affect
76	behavior, and they are aware of the perspective of the
77	individual, and his or her family, living with mental
78	illness or IDD; now therefore,
79	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
80	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the outstanding leadership
81	of NAMI Alabama CIT Division and the State CIT Steering
82	Committee and its work in the area of crisis intervention



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33	with individuals who have a mental illness or IDD is highly
3 4	commended and recognized.
35	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama Legislature
36	recognizes the Alabama CIT Program as the model of best
37	practice for crisis response system reform including law
38	enforcement intervention with individuals who have a mental
39	illness or IDD; law enforcement agencies and community
90	mental health centers are encouraged to work together and,
91	in conjunction with other community partners, to have active
92	CIT programs in place statewide.
93	BE IT FURTHUR RESOLVED, That a copy of this
94	resolution be sent to the Alabama Police Chief Association,
95	the Alabama Sheriff's Association, ALEA, APOSTC, and ADMH.





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103	_	Speaker of the House of Representatives	
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113		I hereby certify that the within Act originated	in
114	and was	s passed by the House 02-May-24.	
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116		John Treadwell	
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123	Senate	07-May-24	Adopted
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