

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2756

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing peace officer training in responding to a mental
1.3 health crisis; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [626.8473] TRAINING IN RESPONDING TO A MENTAL HEALTH
1.6 CRISIS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Training course. The board, in consultation with the commissioner
1.8 of human services and mental health stakeholders, shall create a list of approved training
1.9 courses to instruct peace officers in the techniques of responding to a mental health crisis.

1.10 A course must include instruction on one or more of the following issues:

1.11 (1) techniques for relating to individuals with mental illnesses and their families;

1.12 (2) techniques for crisis de-escalation;

1.13 (3) techniques for relating to diverse communities and education on mental health
1.14 diversity;

1.15 (4) education on mental illnesses and the criminal justice system;

1.16 (5) education on community resources and supports for individuals experiencing a
1.17 mental health crisis and for their families;

1.18 (6) education on psychotropic medications and their side effects;

1.19 (7) education on co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders;

1.20 (8) education on suicide prevention; and

1.21 (9) education on mental illnesses and disorders and their symptoms.

1.22 A course also must include training on children and families of individuals with
1.23 mental illnesses to enable officers to respond appropriately to others who are present

2.1 during a mental health crisis. The board shall update the training list periodically as it
2.2 deems appropriate.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Training requirement.** An individual shall complete a minimum of four
2.4 hours of continuing education training under subdivision 1 over three years.