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A bill for an act
relating to public safety; providing peace officer training in responding to a mental
health crisis; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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

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

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

- (1) techniques for relating to individuals with mental illnesses and their families;
- (2) techniques for crisis de-escalation;
- (3) techniques for relating to diverse communities and education on mental health
diversity;
- (4) education on mental illnesses and the criminal justice system;
- (5) education on community resources and supports for individuals experiencing a
mental health crisis and for their families;
- (6) education on psychotropic medications and their side effects;
- (7) education on co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders;
- (8) education on suicide prevention; and
- (9) education on mental illnesses and disorders and their symptoms.

A course also must include training on children and families of individuals with
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.