

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2753**

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03/14/2016	5043	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary
03/30/2016	5353a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to 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 holding an active license in the techniques of responding  
 1.10 to a mental health crisis. A course must include instruction on one or more of the  
 1.11 following issues:

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

1.13 (2) techniques for crisis de-escalation;

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

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

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

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

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

1.21 (8) education on suicide prevention; and

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

1.23 A course also must provide information on local mental health crisis teams in each  
 1.24 participating officer's jurisdiction, including a summary of the services offered by the

2.1 team and its contact information, and must include training on children and families of  
2.2 individuals with mental illnesses to enable officers to respond appropriately to others  
2.3 who are present during a mental health crisis. The board shall update the training list  
2.4 periodically as it deems appropriate.

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

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.