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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; peace officers; establishing crisis intervention team
1.3 grants; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 626.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[626.96] CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM GRANTS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Request for proposals.** The commissioner of public safety shall
1.8 create a competitive grant process using request for proposals for crisis intervention team
1.9 training for local police and sheriff departments. Before making grants under this section,
1.10 the commissioner shall consult with the following organizations or individuals regarding
1.11 the development of the request for proposals:

1.12 (1) the Barbara Schneider Foundation;
1.13 (2) the National Alliance on Mental Illness;
1.14 (3) the Mental Health Association of Minnesota; and
1.15 (4) national experts on crisis intervention team training.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Training requirements.** The training provided with grants made under
1.17 this section must include, but is not limited to, the following components:

1.18 (1) an overview of mental illnesses and the mental health system;
1.19 (2) site visits to psychiatric receiving facilities;
1.20 (3) an overview of mental health courts;
1.21 (4) an overview of specific psychiatric conditions, their manifestations, and
1.22 treatment; and
1.23 (5) crisis intervention team reporting and data collection.

2.1 At least 20 percent of the training must involve scenario-based role-play training with the
2.2 use of a professional acting company with crisis intervention team training experience.
2.3 Training provided under this subdivision must be at least 40 hours. The training must
2.4 encourage and support the statewide development of crisis intervention teams for law
2.5 enforcement. The training must promote the development of local collaboration among
2.6 public safety professionals, community mental health and emergency medicine providers,
2.7 and members of the public.

2.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.9 \$144,000 is appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2009, from
2.10 the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to fund grants to local police
2.11 departments to conduct crisis intervention training under section 1. The commissioner
2.12 may use up to 2.5 percent of the amount appropriated under this subdivision for costs of
2.13 administering this grant program.