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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT relating to the establishment of a standardized training program for the purpose of developing crisis intervention teams

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The office of mental health, in consultation with stakeholders, including but not limited to, representatives from behavioral health providers, self-advocates, peer service providers, law enforcement and district attorney agencies shall establish a standardized training program for the purpose of developing crisis intervention teams. Such programs shall provide training to law enforcement and other first responders in best practices and strategies for de-escalating crisis situations involving an individual exhibiting emotional disturbances.

Such training program shall be made available to municipal law enforcement, within amounts appropriated, at the request of the local municipality or law enforcement agency no later than six months after the effective date of this section.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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