

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING  
IMPLEMENTATION OF CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING**

**WHEREAS:** Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is an innovative, community-based, collaborative approach to improve the outcomes of encounters between officers and civilians by reducing fatal or escalated encounters and divert those in crisis to appropriate services; and,

**WHEREAS:** Approximately 30% of people with mental illnesses encountered by law enforcement officers are taken into custody for transport to an emergency room or to jail; and,

**WHEREAS:** Crisis Intervention Teams effectively reduces officer injuries; in Memphis, Crisis Intervention Teams resulted in an 80% reduction of officer injuries during mental health crisis calls; and,

**WHEREAS:** In Michigan an inmate with mental illness in jail costs \$31,000 a year, while community-based mental health treatment costs only \$10,000 a year; demonstrating the financial benefits of Crisis Intervention Teams; and,

**WHEREAS:** Approximately 1,000 people in the United States were fatally shot by police officers during 2018, and people with mental illness (PMI) were involved in approximately 25 percent of those fatalities; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General Assembly to require all counties to include Crisis Intervention Team training within the curriculum taught in police academies.

**MANDATES:**

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