

# SENATE BILL NO. 1125

September 22, 2020, Introduced by Senator LUCIDO and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 2003 PA 125, entitled  
"Local corrections officers training act,"  
by amending section 8 (MCL 791.538).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1       Sec. 8. ~~(1) Not later than October 1, 2004 and as often as~~  
2 ~~necessary after that, the~~ **The** council shall approve minimum  
3 standards and requirements for local corrections officers with  
4 respect to the following:  
5       (a) Recruitment, selection, and certification of new local

1 corrections officers based upon at least, but not limited to, work  
2 experience, educational achievement, and physical and mental  
3 fitness.

4 (b) New employee and continuing training programs.

5 (c) Recertification process.

6 (d) Course content of the vocational certificate program, the  
7 central training academy, and continuing training programs. ~~The~~**No**  
8 **later than 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act**  
9 **that amended this subdivision, the** course content ~~shall~~**must**  
10 include ~~education and training on how to identify and manage~~  
11 ~~prisoners with a mental illness.~~**crisis response and behavioral**  
12 **health training that strengthens the ability of a local corrections**  
13 **officer to identify mental health or substance use needs in**  
14 **individuals, safely address crisis situations, and understand**  
15 **diversion options. The crisis response and behavioral health**  
16 **training under this subdivision must meet all of the following**  
17 **requirements:**

18 (i) Be evidence based and align with the large body of national  
19 research on de-escalation and responding to individuals with  
20 behavioral health needs.

21 (ii) Provide the following information:

22 (A) The reasons individuals with behavioral health needs  
23 should be diverted from criminal justice involvement.

24 (B) How to recognize individuals with behavioral health needs.

25 (C) How to safely and effectively respond to individuals with  
26 behavioral health needs.

27 (D) The best methods and available options to divert  
28 individuals with behavioral health needs from sustained criminal  
29 justice involvement.

1           (E) The best methods to connect individuals with behavioral  
2 health needs with local supportive services.

3           (e) Decertification process.

4           (2) In approving the course content for crisis response and  
5 behavioral health training under subsection (1)(d), the council  
6 shall consult with the Michigan commission on law enforcement  
7 standards and the mental health diversion council.

8           (3) As used in this section, "behavioral health" means mental  
9 health and substance use disorders and the treatment of mental  
10 health and substance use disorders.