

By: Representative Dixon

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1072

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO PROVIDE AN
 2 INDIVIDUAL WHO REASONABLY APPEARS TO EXHIBIT BEHAVIORAL OR MENTAL
 3 HEALTH ISSUES A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION WITHIN 24 HOURS; TO
 4 REQUIRE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO TAKE THE INDIVIDUAL TO A
 5 MEDICAL FACILITY FOR TREATMENT; TO REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO EMPLOYEES
 6 OF EVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND JAIL OR PRISON TO RECEIVE
 7 ANNUAL CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD ON
 8 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS TO PROMULGATE RULES RELATING TO
 9 CIT TRAINING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) Whenever a law enforcement officer arrests
 12 an individual on a misdemeanor charge, and the individual
 13 reasonably appears to exhibit behavioral or mental health issues,
 14 the law enforcement agency shall provide such individual with a
 15 mental health evaluation within twenty-four (24) hours of arrest.
 16 If the mental health evaluation reveals a need for behavioral or
 17 mental health medication, such law enforcement agency shall take
 18 the necessary steps to ensure that the individual has access to
 19 such medication, and shall take the individual to a medical
 20 facility for treatment.



21 (2) In order to facilitate the mental health evaluation and
22 treatment required by subsection (1) of this section, every law
23 enforcement agency including every city, county and regional jail
24 or prison shall employ at least two (2) persons who have received
25 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. Such employees shall
26 receive at least eight (8) hours of CIT training annually.

27 (3) The Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards shall
28 promulgate rules and regulations to establish minimum standards
29 for CIT training, including the approval of schools or programs
30 which may be attended by an officer charged with receiving CIT
31 training.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2018.

