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Overview

This bill appropriates \$144,000 for the biennium to DPS to fund grants for local police departments to conduct crisis training intervention. DPS must create a competitive grant process and consult with identified experts in the field.

Training provided with the grants must include: (1) an overview of mental illnesses and the mental health system, (2) site visits to psychiatric receiving facilities, (3) an overview of mental health courts, (4) an overview of psychiatric conditions, their manifestations, and treatment, and (5) reporting and data collection information. Training must be at least 40 hours and at least 20 percent of the training must involve scenario-based role-playing.