

## HOUSE BILL No. 2793

By Committee on Judiciary

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9 AN ACT concerning criminal procedure; relating to law enforcement  
10 policies.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) All law enforcement agencies in this state shall adopt  
14 written policies regarding calls involving persons in crisis who are living  
15 with mental illness as provided in subsection (b). These policies shall be  
16 made available to all officers of such agency.

17 (b) Such written policies shall include, but not be limited to, the  
18 following:

19 (1) A statement describing the responding officers' responsibilities  
20 and procedures to follow when responding to a call involving persons in  
21 crisis who are living with mental illness;

22 (2) current contact information for resource agencies within the com-  
23 munity, including, but not limited to, the community mental health cen-  
24 ter; and

25 (3) guidelines that describe to responding officers signs and symp-  
26 toms to recognize persons in crisis who are living with mental illness.

27 (c) Such written policies shall be adopted on or before January 1,  
28 2009.

29 (d) All law enforcement agencies shall provide training to officers on  
30 recognizing and responding to crisis calls involving persons living with  
31 mental illness.

32 (e) No law enforcement agency or employee of such agency acting  
33 within the scope of employment shall be liable for damages resulting from  
34 the adoption or enforcement of any policy adopted under this section,  
35 unless a duty of care, independent of such policy, is owed to the specific  
36 individual injured.

37 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
38 publication in the statute book.