

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to  
2 study the potential costs and benefits of implementing or contracting for long-term crisis  
3 intervention services.

4 WHEREAS, a crisis is a sudden, unanticipated, or potentially dangerous behavioral  
5 health condition, episode, or behavior; and

6 WHEREAS, long-term crisis intervention focuses on selectively providing  
7 resources to address individual client needs, verifying the effectiveness of those  
8 resources, adapting to the changes needed to best serve the client, and achieving the result  
9 desired by the client; and

10 WHEREAS, the overall goal of long-term crisis intervention services is to achieve  
11 independence, predictability, adaptations, and dependability over the course of a client's  
12 lifetime; and

13 WHEREAS, community mental health centers, which currently serve approximately  
14 180,000 Kentuckians living with intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental  
15 illnesses, or substance use disorders per year, are the primary source of crisis intervention  
16 services in the status quo; and

17 WHEREAS, implementing or contracting for long-term crisis intervention services  
18 will enable community mental health centers to focus resources and efforts on providing  
19 high-quality services to individuals living with intellectual or developmental disabilities,  
20 mental illnesses, or substance use disorders; and

21 WHEREAS, neighboring states have contracted for the delivery of long-term crisis  
22 intervention services and have seen promising results;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is hereby directed to  
26 study the potential costs and benefits of implementing or contracting for long-term crisis  
27 intervention services. In conducting this study, the cabinet shall collaborate with

1 stakeholders representing private providers, community mental health centers, and  
2 consumers and their families.

3       ➔Section 2. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall submit its findings  
4 regarding the potential costs and benefits of implementing or contracting for long-term  
5 crisis intervention services to the Legislative Research Commission for delivery to the  
6 Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services, and the Medicaid  
7 Oversight and Advisory Committee no later than November 1, 2021.