

1 AN ACT relating to reorganization.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *As used in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act:*

6 *(1) "Community crisis response team" means the statewide team of trained*
7 *volunteers who provide behavioral health-related crisis response services in*
8 *accordance with protocols and procedures established by the department;*

9 *(2) "Crisis response services" means consultation, risk assessment, referral, and on-*
10 *site crisis intervention services provided to persons with behavioral health needs*
11 *resulting from a crisis or disaster. "Crisis response services" shall not be*
12 *construed to include any services performed or intended to be performed by any*
13 *other agency of the Commonwealth, any of its subdivisions, or any private party*
14 *included under KRS Chapter 39A, 39B, or 224;*

15 *(3) "Department" means the Department for Behavioral Health, Intellectual and*
16 *Developmental Disabilities; and*

17 *(4) "Local community crisis response team" means a team of trained volunteers who*
18 *provide behavioral health-related crisis response services in a county, district, or*
19 *region in accordance with protocols and procedures established by the*
20 *department.*

21 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO
22 READ AS FOLLOWS:

23 *(1) The department shall coordinate behavioral health-related community crisis and*
24 *disaster response. The department shall have primary responsibility and authority*
25 *for planning and executing behavioral health-related community crisis response*
26 *and behavioral health-related disaster response.*

27 *(2) The department shall:*

- 1 (a) Develop, update, and maintain a statewide community crisis response
2 support plan for providing crisis response services;
- 3 (b) Serve as the primary state agency for the core functional area of mental
4 health and substance abuse care under Emergency Support Function #8,
5 Public Health and Medical Services;
- 6 (c) Annually review the behavioral health portion of the Kentucky Emergency
7 Operations Plan and make recommendations for updates to the plan;
- 8 (d) Participate in state-level planning workgroups to address the provision of
9 crisis response services;
- 10 (e) Establish and maintain memoranda of understanding and master
11 agreements with local partners to provide crisis response services following
12 a disaster or critical incident;
- 13 (f) Develop, administer, and maintain a statewide system of registration and
14 credentialing of community crisis response volunteers to provide crisis
15 response services;
- 16 (g) Actively recruit volunteers to serve on the community crisis response team
17 and the local community crisis response teams, ensuring representation
18 from a diversity of first responders and behavioral health provider peer
19 groups;
- 20 (h) Develop, administer, and maintain a statewide network of registered,
21 credentialed, and regional response-ready volunteers to provide crisis
22 response services following a disaster or critical incidents in the
23 Commonwealth;
- 24 (i) Participate in local and statewide all-hazards and terrorism disaster
25 exercises focusing on meeting behavioral health needs of those affected;
- 26 (j) Create and execute all-hazards and terrorism disaster exercises for
27 volunteers for the community crisis response team and local community

1 *crisis response teams focusing on meeting behavioral health needs of those*
2 *affected;*

3 *(k) Apply for and administer Federal Emergency Management Agency crisis*
4 *counseling grants following a Presidential declaration, in collaboration*
5 *with local and regional behavioral health providers; and*

6 *(l) Apply for and administer community crisis response and disaster specific*
7 *behavioral health grants from:*

8 *1. The federal government;*

9 *2. Private foundations; and*

10 *3. Other sources that may be available for programs related to*
11 *supporting survivors of crisis events or community disasters.*

12 ➔Section 3. The following KRS sections are repealed:

13 36.250 Definitions for KRS 36.250 to 36.270.

14 36.255 Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board -- Members -- Meetings.

15 36.260 Duties of board.

16 36.265 Attorney General to represent board members in civil proceedings.

17 36.270 Status of state and local government employees acting on behalf of board.