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Brief Description: Revising provisions for detaining persons with mental illness.

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Directs the criminal justice training commission to develop training for local law enforcement agencies targeted toward developing collaborative approaches to dealing with individuals with mental illness. The purpose of the training is to facilitate cooperative mental health-police efforts and enhanced community protection by establishing crisis intervention protocols, de-escalating potentially volatile situations, assessing an individual's medication information and relevant history, and evaluating an individual's social support system.

Provides that a person detained and taken into custody under this act by a county designated mental health professional or a peace officer shall not be charged with assault if physically resisting under diminished capacity conditions and at least one of the following conditions is present: (1) Proper and adequate crisis intervention training for detaining a person with mental illness was not provided to the detaining person;

- (2) No permanent bodily harm was done to the detaining person;
- (3) The detainee was psychotic at the time he or she was taken into custody;
- (4) The detainee was acting in a defensive manner; or
- (5) The detainee was not armed.