

H.145: An act relating to establishing the Mental Health Crisis Response Commission

HHC Discussion & Decision Points

I. Where shall the Commission be housed?

- AG's Office?
- Human Rights Commission?
- Other?

II. Scope of Commission's Jurisdiction

- Proposed addition: "Interactions not resulting in death or serious bodily injury may be referred for optional review to the Commission, including review of interactions with positive outcomes that could serve to provide guidance on effective strategies."
- Review interactions involving first responders?

III. Membership of the Commission

A. Additions

- Dispatcher?

B. Removals

- AG?
- State's Attorney?

C. Other Considerations

- Appointments shall be regionally distributed
- Proposed addition: "Members who are part of an organization involved in an incident under review shall recuse themselves from that review and shall not access any information related to it. The Commission may appoint an interim replacement to fill the category represented for review of that incident."

IV. Commission Meetings

A. Frequency of Meetings

- At least once every calendar quarter
- At least annually

B. Obtaining Information or Records (subsection (e))

- Upon written request
- By subpoena

V. Confidentiality

A. Disclosure of Information by Commission

- Move exception allowing Commission's final findings and recommendations from subsection (f) to (h)

B. Recognize Federal Limitations

- In subsection (e), add: "To the extent permitted under federal law,..."
- In subsection (g), add in second sentence:

- “To the extent permitted under federal law,...”; or
- “To the extent permitted under 42 CFR Part 2,...”

VI. Term for Person Interacting with Law Enforcement

- Person(s) demonstrating symptoms of mental illness
- Person(s) acting in a manner that created reason to believe a mental health crisis was occurring