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Directs the POST Board to certify a 4+ hour training course that teaches peace officers the best practices in managing and policing citizens with mental illness and emotional problems. Sets forth six areas that the training course must address. Encourages the POST Board to select a course that (1) exposes course participants to persons with mental illness and mental health professionals; and (2) incorporates role playing and group problem-solving exercises.

Appropriates funds to reimburse participants in the course described in section 1 and also appropriates funds to reimburse participants in a course that meets the standards of the Memphis Crisis Intervention Team Model. Allows for partial or full reimbursement and authorizes the Board to require a matching contribution from the participant's employer.