

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>SB848</b>      |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>251,210.00</b> |

**Research Analysis**

SB 848 directs the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to contract with public and private entities located in Oklahoma to provide peer support crisis intervention, counseling and wellness for law enforcement, firefighter, emergency medical and corrections communities impacted by trauma, stress, anxiety, addictions, death and suicide. This directive is subject to the availability of funds.

Qualified crisis intervention training entities are required to provide peer support teams trained in crisis intervention and wellness strategies and must be derived from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) and must employ the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) crisis intervention process. Instructors must be ICISF approved instructors.

The measure requires wellness strategies to include resilience training, emotional survival, substance abuse prevention, financial and relationship strategies. Wellness training will be taught using subject matter expert's curriculum.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

From the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Service:

It looks like our fiscal impact would be around \$250,000 annually

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Oklahoma has around 39,000 "protective services" and EMT employees (the data I've used to get number of first responders) and in 2019 there were about 45,000 state employees. Even though there are more state employees, because of the higher prevalence of treatment needs in first responders, it would be justified to compare what we do with state employees now vs the cost of services for this new population.

If there are already individuals trained in the required certifications that we contract with for these services, it would decrease the cost to around \$170,000 annually.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

