

Virginia Sheriffs' Association

Recommendations on Mental Health Crises

Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the 21st Century - Law Enforcement Officer - Temporary Detention Order/Emergency Custody Order Work Group



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**The Virginia Sheriffs' Association
(VSA) recommends the following
immediate actions to address the crises
in mental health.**



1. Beds are needed to admit patients needing services
 - a. Mental health patients should not have to wait **DAYS** for admission and services on TDO'S.
 - b. Additional public and private beds should be an immediate option.



2. Immediate Relief – OT funds for deputy sheriffs to accommodate immediate crisis.

\$3,867,972 – Biennium Cost



3. Expand role of alternative transportation providers to relieve Law Enforcement Officers during TDO process.

\$4,359,416 – Biennium Cost

