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**HOUSE BILL 876**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING A COUNTY WITH AUTHORITY  
TO ESTABLISH A LAW ENFORCEMENT CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES  
PROGRAM**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. COUNTIES-- AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A LAW  
ENFORCEMENT CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM --**

**A. The governing body of a county may, by ordinance, establish a law enforcement crisis intervention services program. The purpose of the program shall be to provide post-traumatic debriefing and counseling services for county sheriffs' officers who have been involved in incidents that may produce personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, psychological or emotional tensions, traumas, pressures or disorders.**

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B. If a law enforcement crisis intervention services program is established by the governing body of a county, it shall not be organized as a division, bureau or any other type of subdivision of a county or municipal law enforcement agency.

C. To preserve the integrity of a law enforcement crisis intervention services program, the program shall not operate in or adjacent to a county or municipal law enforcement facility, station or barracks in the county.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.