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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1680

5 By: Representatives Richardson, Slape, Dotson  
6 By: Senator B. Davis  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING CRITICAL INCIDENT DEBRIEFING FOR  
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

14 CONCERNING CRITICAL INCIDENT DEBRIEFING  
15 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 6, Subchapter 7, is amended  
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 12-6-702. Critical incident debriefing.

23 (a) As used in this section, "critical incident" means an event that  
24 has a stressful impact sufficient to overwhelm a person's usually effective  
25 coping skills, including an event that falls outside the range of ordinary  
26 human experience.

27 (b) A law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy that:

28 (1) May require a law enforcement officer who has been involved  
29 in a critical incident to participate in a debriefing by a mental health  
30 professional or a certified peer support member as defined under § 16-40-106;  
31 and

32 (2) Shall require the law enforcement agency to assist a law  
33 enforcement officer who has been involved in a critical incident in obtaining  
34 additional services that may assist the law enforcement officer in recovering  
35 from psychological effects resulting from the critical incident.  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-9-102, concerning definitions used in  
2 regards to the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training,  
3 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

4 (4) "Critical incident" means the same as defined in § 12-6-702.

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6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-9-118(b)(2), concerning policies for a  
7 law enforcement agency, is amended to read as follows:

8 (2) The proposed or enacted law enforcement agency policies,  
9 including without limitation policies regarding:

- 10 (A) Use of force;
- 11 (B) Vehicle pursuit;
- 12 (C) Professional conduct of law enforcement officers to be  
13 employed by the law enforcement agency; ~~and~~
- 14 (D) Biased-based policing; and
- 15 (E) Critical incident debriefing;

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17 */s/Richardson*

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20 **APPROVED: 4/19/21**