1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S3/18/03 A Bill Act 1051 of 2003 2 84th General Assembly HOUSE BILL 1105 Regular Session, 2003 3 4 By: Representative Seawel 5 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 AN ACT TO CLASSIFY AND DESIGNATE THE TEACHING AND 9 INSTRUCTION PERSONNEL OF BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL 10 11 COLLEGE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 12 13 Subtitle 14 15 AN ACT TO CLASSIFY AND DESIGNATE THE 16 TEACHING AND INSTRUCTION PERSONNEL OF 17 BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY AS LAW 18 19 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. 20 21 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-204 is amended to read as follows: 12-9-204. Academy instructors - Law enforcement powers. 25 (a) All full-time Basic Police Training Course teaching and 26 27 instruction personnel at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy at 28 Camden and the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy 29 at Pocahontas are classified and designated as law enforcement officers after meeting minimum qualifications for law enforcement officers certification as 30 established by the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training. 31 32 (b) Those personnel shall have and exercise all authority and 33 functions of other law enforcement officers in the State of Arkansas. They shall have general law enforcement authority to cooperate with, assist, and 34 35 support local law enforcement officers in all law enforcement activities and 36 functions.

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1	(c) Those personnel shall be credited with service toward maintaining
2	and increasing certification levels for time employed at the Arkansas Law
3	Enforcement Training Academy and the Black River Technical College Law
4	Enforcement Training Academy, upon employment as law enforcement officers
5	elsewhere in the State of Arkansas, shall receive credit for years of law
6	enforcement service for time employed at the academy.
7	(d) Academy instructors classified and designated as law enforcement
8	officers under this section are not qualified to enroll in a different
9	retirement system because of the classification or designation and shall not
10	qualify for any benefit enhancement other than that available under his or
11	her current retirement system.
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13	SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
14	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that full-time law enforcement
15	instructors at Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy
16	need access to restricted law enforcement training classes and material to
17	ensure current skills are maintained while instructing law enforcement
18	personnel in basic police training and other law enforcement training
19	courses; that a delay in the implementation of this act will hamper the
20	state's ability to provide training and certification of an adequate number
21	of law enforcement officers; and that this act is immediately necessary
22	because the state needs to ensure that law enforcement personnel are trained
23	and certified in sufficient time to provide for the public safety of the
24	citizens of the state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this
25	act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
26	health, and safety shall become effective on:
27	(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
28	(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
29	the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
30	<pre>bill; or</pre>
31	(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
32	overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.
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34	/s/ Seawel
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36	APPROVED: 4/3/2003