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4 **By: Representative Roberts**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 12-9-104 TO
9 REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
10 STANDARDS AND TRAINING TO INCLUDE RACE RELATIONS AND
11 SENSITIVITY IN THE CURRICULUM FOR PROBATIONARY POLICE
12 OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE RACE RELATIONS IN THE CURRICULUM FOR
15 PROBATIONARY POLICE 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 Annotated 12-9-104 is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "12-9-104. Commission's powers generally.

23 In addition to powers conferred upon the Arkansas Commission on Law
24 Enforcement Standards and Training elsewhere in this subchapter, the
25 commission shall have power to:

26 (1) Promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this
27 subchapter. The rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission on Law
28 Enforcement Standards and Training shall not go into full force and effect
29 until the commission seeks the advice of the Arkansas Legislative Council and
30 the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

31 (2) Require the submission of reports and information by police
32 departments within this state;

33 (3) Establish minimum selection and training standards for admission to
34 employment as a law enforcement officer. The standards may take into account
35 different requirements for urban and rural areas, full-time and part-time

1 employment, and specialized police personnel. However, the minimum selection
2 and training standards for admission to employment as a law enforcement
3 officer shall not apply to volunteer police auxiliary officers, to volunteer
4 officers of sheriffs' mounted patrols, and to honorary police officer
5 commissions issued by appropriate police authority;

6 (4) Establish minimum curriculum requirements for preparatory,
7 in-service, and advanced courses and programs of schools operated by or for
8 the state and political subdivisions for the specific purpose of training
9 recruits for law enforcement officers;

10 (5) Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, agencies of
11 this state, other governmental agencies, and with universities, colleges,
12 junior colleges, community colleges, and other institutions or organizations
13 concerning the development of police training schools and programs or courses
14 of instruction;

15 (6) Approve institutions and facilities to be used by or for the state
16 or any political subdivision thereof for the specific purpose of training law
17 enforcement officers and recruits;

18 (7) Adopt rules and minimum standards for schools which shall include,
19 but not be limited to, the following:

20 (A) (i) The curriculum for probationary police officers which
21 shall be offered by all certified schools shall include, but shall not be
22 limited to, courses on arrest, search and seizure, civil rights, human
23 relations, race relations and sensitivity, criminal law, law of criminal
24 procedure, vehicle and traffic law, traffic control, and accident
25 investigation, techniques of obtaining physical evidence, court testimonies,
26 statements, reports, firearms training, first aid, handling of juvenile
27 offenders, recognition of mental conditions which require immediate assistance
28 and methods to safeguard and provide assistance to a person in need of mental
29 treatment, law of evidence, and physical training.

30 (ii) The curriculum for permanent police officers shall
31 include, but shall not be limited to, refresher and in-service training in any
32 of the courses listed above in this subdivision, advance courses in any of the
33 subjects listed above in this subdivision, training for supervisory personnel,
34 and specialized training in subjects and fields to be selected by the board;

35 (B) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and

1 equipment requirements;

2 (C) Minimum requirements for instructors;

3 (D) Minimum basic training requirements which a probationary
4 police officer must satisfactorily complete before being eligible for
5 permanent employment as a law enforcement officer.

6 (8) Make and encourage studies of any aspect of police administration;

7 (9) Conduct and stimulate research by public and private agencies
8 designed to improve police administration and law enforcement;

9 (10) Make recommendations concerning matters within its purview
10 pursuant to this subchapter;

11 (11) Make evaluations as may be necessary to determine if governmental
12 units are complying with the provisions of this subchapter;

13 (12) Adopt and amend bylaws, consistent with law, for its internal
14 management and control;

15 (13) Enter into contracts or do such things as may be necessary and
16 incidental to the administration of this subchapter."

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18 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
19 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
20 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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22 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
23 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
24 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
25 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
26 act are declared to be severable.

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28 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
29 hereby repealed.

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