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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1529

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
10 IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
11 OVERDOSE AND THE ROLE OF NALOXONE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 REQUIRING TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 OFFICERS IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A
18 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OVERDOSE AND THE
19 ROLE OF NALOXONE.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 12-9-122. Controlled substance overdose identification training.

27 (a) As used in this section, "naloxone" means a drug that is an
28 analgesic antagonist used in the reversal of acute respiratory depression
29 caused by opioid use.

30 (b)(1) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and
31 Training in conjunction with the Arkansas Drug Director and the Criminal
32 Justice Institute shall develop a curriculum for law enforcement training
33 relating to identifying the signs that a person is experiencing an overdose
34 of a controlled substance and the ways in which a law enforcement officer can
35 safely assist the person who has overdosed.

36 (2) A curriculum that is developed under subdivision (b)(1) of



1 this section and certified by the commission shall be delivered to a student
2 attending a basic law enforcement training course certified by the
3 commission.

4 (c) Training under subsection (b) of this section shall include
5 without limitation:

6 (1) The signs and symptoms of an overdose associated with the
7 use of a controlled substance, including opioids;

8 (2) First-responder treatment and triage for a controlled
9 substance overdose situation;

10 (3) First-responder safety considerations in a potential or
11 actual controlled substance overdose situation; and

12 (4) An overview of the role of naloxone in certain opioid
13 overdose situations.

14 (d) All law enforcement agencies are encouraged to develop a naloxone
15 program by seeking assistance from the Arkansas Drug Director's office or the
16 Criminal Justice Institute, or both.

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