

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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As Engrossed: H2/26/03

A Bill

Act 509 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1679

5 By: Representatives Borhauer, Agee, Chesterfield, Dees, Edwards, Elliott, Green, J. Johnson, Judy, King,
6 S. Prater, Schulte, Walters

7 By: Senators Bisbee, Brown, Madison, Salmon, Trusty, Whitaker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO
12 COMPLETE TRAINING CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULTS; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT
16 OFFICERS TO COMPLETE TRAINING CONCERNING
17 SEXUAL ASSAULTS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. (a)(1) Beginning on the effective date of this act, the
24 Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training shall require all law
25 enforcement officers to complete a minimum of twenty (20) hours of training
26 concerning sexual assaults as a part of the Basic Police Training Course
27 curriculum.

28 (2) Practicum training will be sufficient for this requirement.

29 (b) The training shall, at a minimum, cover the following topic:

30 (1) The dynamics of sexual assault;

31 (2) The laws concerning sexual assault;

32 (3) Sexual assault victim interview techniques; and

33 (4) Support services available to sexual assault victims.
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35 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
36 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current law enforcement



1 training standards do not require adequate training concerning sexual
2 assault; that this bill requires such additional training; and that this bill
3 is immediately necessary in order to provide the necessary training to our
4 law enforcement officers as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is
5 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
7 on:

- 8 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- 9 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
10 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
11 bill; or
- 12 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
13 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

14 /s/ Borhauer, et al

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17 APPROVED: 3/18/2003
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