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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 173

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE-FUNDED LAW ENFORCEMENT  
10 ACADEMIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

12 CONCERNING STATE-FUNDED LAW ENFORCEMENT  
13 ACADEMIES.  
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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 § 12-9-117 is amended to read as follows:

21 12-9-117. Award of pistol upon retirement or death of a certified law  
22 enforcement officer employed by the commission.

23 (a) When a certified law enforcement officer employed by the Arkansas  
24 Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training or a state-funded law  
25 enforcement training academy retires from service or dies while still  
26 employed with the commission or the state-funded law enforcement training  
27 academy, in recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring  
28 or deceased certified law enforcement officer, the commission or the state-  
29 funded law enforcement training academy may award the pistol carried by the  
30 certified law enforcement officer at the time of his or her death or  
31 retirement from service to:

32 (1) The certified law enforcement officer; or

33 (2) The certified law enforcement officer's spouse if the spouse  
34 is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

35 (b)(1) A certified law enforcement officer employed by the commission  
36 or a state-funded law enforcement training academy may retain his or her



1 pistol he or she carried at the time of his or her retirement from service.

2 (2) If the certified law enforcement officer dies while he or  
3 she is employed by the commission or a state-funded law enforcement training  
4 academy, his or her spouse may receive or retain the pistol carried by the  
5 certified law enforcement officer at the time of his or her death, if the  
6 spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a  
7 firearm.

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-9-207 is amended to read as follows:

10 12-9-207. Unopposed candidates for county sheriff.

11 (a) ~~Any~~ A newly elected county sheriff or unopposed candidate for the  
12 position of county sheriff ~~shall be permitted to~~ may attend ~~the Arkansas Law~~  
13 ~~Enforcement Training Academy~~ a state-funded law enforcement training academy  
14 for purposes of training and instruction.

15 (b) The county in which the ~~applicant~~ newly elected county sheriff or  
16 unopposed candidate for the position of county sheriff ~~shall~~ is to be  
17 employed shall pay any necessary transportation ~~cost~~ costs in traveling to  
18 and from the state-funded law enforcement training academy.

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20 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-9-209(a)(1) and (2), concerning the  
21 reimbursement for law enforcement training costs, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 (a)(1) If ~~any~~ a county, city, or town pays the cost or expenses for  
24 training a law enforcement officer at ~~the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training~~  
25 ~~Academy~~ a state-funded law enforcement training academy and another county,  
26 city, or town, or ~~an agency of the State of Arkansas~~ state agency employs  
27 that law enforcement officer within eighteen (18) months after completion of  
28 the training in a position requiring a certificate of training from the  
29 ~~Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy~~ state-funded law enforcement  
30 training academy, the state agency, county, city, or town so employing the  
31 law enforcement officer, at the time of employing the law enforcement  
32 officer, shall reimburse the county, city, or town for all or a portion of  
33 the expenses incurred by the county, city, or town for the training of the  
34 law enforcement officer at the state-funded law enforcement training academy,  
35 unless the law enforcement officer has been terminated by the county, city,  
36 or town ~~which~~ that paid the costs or expenses of training, in which case no

1 reimbursement is required from ~~any county, city, or town~~ the county, city,  
2 town, or state agency hiring the law enforcement officer.

3 (2) Reimbursement may ~~only be sought~~ be sought only from the  
4 first county, city, ~~or town which employs~~ town, or state agency that employed  
5 the law enforcement officer after the county, city, or town ~~which~~ paid the  
6 costs or expenses of training.

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