Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
Act 646 of the Regular Session

A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
OVERDOSE AND THE ROLE OF NALOXONE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle
REQUIRING TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OVERDOSE AND THE
ROLE OF NALOXONE.

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

SECTION 1.  Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:
12-9-122.  Controlled substance overdose identification training.
(a)  As used in this section, "naloxone" means a drug that is an
analgesic antagonist used in the reversal of acute respiratory depression
caused by opioid use.
(b)(1) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and
Training in conjunction with the Arkansas Drug Director and the Criminal
Justice Institute shall develop a curriculum for law enforcement training
relating to identifying the signs that a person is experiencing an overdose
of a controlled substance and the ways in which a law enforcement officer can
safely assist the person who has overdosed.
(2) A curriculum that is developed under subdivision (b)(1) of
this section and certified by the commission shall be delivered to a student
attending a basic law enforcement training course certified by the
commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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