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A Bill

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5 By: Representative McGrew
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
10 OFFICER TRAINING FOR CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT
11 OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE COMMUNITY; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TRAINING FOR
17 CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
18 EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE COMMUNITY.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-209, as amended by Acts 2021, No. 325,*
25 *is amended to read as follows:*

26 *12-9-209. Reimbursement for training costs or expenses.*

27 *(a)(1) If a county, city, town, or state agency pays the costs or*
28 *expenses for training a law enforcement officer at a state-funded or*
29 *municipally operated law enforcement training academy and another county,*
30 *city, town, or state agency employs that law enforcement officer within*
31 *eighteen (18) months after completion of the training in a position requiring*
32 *a certificate of training from a state-funded or municipally operated law*
33 *enforcement training academy, the county, city, town, or state agency that*
34 *employs the law enforcement officer, at the time of employing the law*
35 *enforcement officer, shall reimburse the county, city, town, or state agency*
36 *for all or a portion of the costs or expenses incurred by the county, city,*



1 town, or state agency for the training of the law enforcement officer at the
2 state-funded or municipally operated law enforcement training academy, unless
3 the law enforcement officer has been terminated by the county, city, town, or
4 state agency that paid the costs or expenses of training, in which case no
5 reimbursement is required from the county, city, town, or state agency
6 employing the law enforcement officer.

7 (2) Reimbursement may be sought only from the first county,
8 city, town, or state agency that employed the law enforcement officer after
9 the county, city, town, or state agency paid the costs or expenses of
10 training.

11 (3) Reimbursement shall include any salary, travel expenses,
12 food, lodging, or other costs required to be paid by the county, city, town,
13 or state agency, as follows:

14 (A) If the law enforcement officer is employed within two
15 (2) months after completion of the training, the employing agency shall
16 reimburse the total of the costs or expenses of training;

17 (B) If the law enforcement officer is employed more than
18 two (2) months but not more than six (6) months after completion of the
19 training, the employing agency shall reimburse eighty percent (80%) of the
20 costs or expenses of training;

21 (C) If the law enforcement officer is employed more than
22 six (6) months but not more than ten (10) months after completion of the
23 training, the employing agency shall reimburse sixty percent (60%) of the
24 costs or expenses of training;

25 (D) If the law enforcement officer is employed more than
26 ten (10) months but not more than fourteen (14) months after completion of
27 the training, the employing agency shall reimburse forty percent (40%) of the
28 costs or expenses of training; or

29 (E) If the law enforcement officer is employed more than
30 fourteen (14) months but not more than eighteen (18) months after completion
31 of the training, the employing agency shall reimburse twenty percent (20%) of
32 the costs or expenses of training.

33 (b)(1) If any county, city, town, or state agency that employs a law
34 enforcement officer whose costs or expenses of training were paid by another
35 county, city, town, or state agency fails to make reimbursement for the costs
36 or expenses of training as required in subsection (a) of this section, the

1 county, city, town, or state agency entitled to reimbursement shall notify
2 the Treasurer of State.

3 (2) The Treasurer of State shall then withhold the amount of the
4 reimbursement due for training the law enforcement officer from the county or
5 municipal aid of the employing county, city, town, or state agency or from
6 funds appropriated to the employing state agency and shall remit the amount
7 to the county, city, town, or state agency that is entitled to the
8 reimbursement under the provisions of this section.

9 (c)(1) A private community with a population of more than five
10 thousand (5,000) persons that employs certified law enforcement officers is
11 entitled to reimbursement under this section and may remit the reimbursed
12 costs or expenses under subsection (a) of this section to an entity
13 contracting with the private community that paid the training costs or
14 expenses of the certified law enforcement officers.

15 (2) As used in this subsection, "private community" means the
16 same as defined in § 14-14-814.

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18 /s/McGrew

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