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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 302

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COSTS OR EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF LAW  
16 ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COSTS OR EXPENSES.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-209 is amended to read as follows:

22 12-9-209. Reimbursement for training costs or expenses.

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



1 case no reimbursement is required from the county, city, town, or state  
2 agency ~~hiring~~ employing the law enforcement officer.

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

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

10 (A) If the ~~person~~ law enforcement officer is employed  
11 within two (2) months after completion of the training, the employing agency  
12 shall reimburse the total ~~cost of the training~~ of the costs or expenses of  
13 training;

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

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

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

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

30 (b)(1) If any county, city, town, or state agency ~~which~~ that employs  
31 ~~an a~~ law enforcement officer whose ~~training expense was~~ costs or expenses of  
32 training were paid by another county, city, town, or state agency fails to  
33 make reimbursement for the ~~expenses~~ costs or expenses of training as required  
34 in subsection (a) of this section, the county, city, town, or state agency  
35 entitled to reimbursement shall notify the Treasurer of State.

36 (2) The Treasurer of State shall then withhold the amount of the

1 reimbursement due for training the law enforcement officer from the county or  
2 municipal aid of the employing county, city, town, or state agency or from  
3 funds appropriated to the employing state agency and shall remit the amount  
4 to the county, city, town, or state agency ~~which~~ that is entitled to the  
5 reimbursement under the provisions of this section.

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