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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1599

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE CONSTABLE ACCREDITATION BOARD AND TO
9 PROVIDE THAT ACCREDITED CONSTABLES SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO
10 THE ARKANSAS CRIME INFORMATION CENTER; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO CREATE THE CONSTABLE ACCREDITATION
15 BOARD AND TO PROVIDE THAT ACCREDITED
16 CONSTABLES SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE
17 ARKANSAS CRIME INFORMATION CENTER."

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

21 SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Constable Accreditation Board
22 to be composed of three (3) members as follow:

23 (a) One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
24 Tempore of the Senate;

25 (b) One (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
26 Speaker of the House; and

27 (c) One (1) member of the board of directors of the Arkansas
28 Constable_s Association appointed by that board.

30 SECTION 2. Board members shall serve three (3) year terms except that
31 the initial members of the board shall by lot draw terms so that one member
32 serves a one-year term, one member serves a two-year term, and one member
33 serves a three-year term.

35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 12-12-211 (e) is amended to read as follows:

1 "(e) An elected law enforcement officer of a political subdivision of
2 this state shall not be allowed access to information from the Arkansas Crime
3 Information Center unless either the elected law enforcement officer or a law
4 enforcement officer within his department has successfully completed the
5 preparatory program of police training required by the Arkansas Commission on
6 Law Enforcement Standards and Training for certification of law enforcement
7 officers. Any constable who completes one hundred (100) hours of law
8 enforcement training approved by the board shall be accredited by the board
9 and in order to maintain accreditation, the constable must complete at least
10 twenty (20) hours of board approved law enforcement training during each two-
11 year term of office."

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13 SECTION 4. Accredited constables shall have access to the Arkansas
14 Crime Information Center in the same manner and to the same extent as other
15 law enforcement officers.

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17 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
18 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
19 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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21 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
22 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
23 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
24 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25 act are declared to be severable.

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27 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
28 hereby repealed.

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