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5 By: Representatives Ledbetter, *Judy, Carson, Agee, J. Elliott, Dees, Borhauer, Green, W. Walker,*

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO

11 COMPLETE TRAINING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD

12 ABUSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT

16 OFFICERS TO COMPLETE TRAINING IN

17 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE.

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

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22 SECTION 1. (a) In accordance with the Arkansas Law Enforcement

23 Standards and Training Commission's certification requirements for law

24 enforcement officers, *effective September 1, 2001, all new* law enforcement

25 officers in the State of Arkansas shall complete at least twenty (20) hours

26 of training in domestic violence and twenty (20) hours of training in child

27 abuse. Practicum training will also be sufficient for this requirement.

28 (b) Pertaining to domestic abuse, the topics that shall be covered

29 are:

30 (1) The dynamics of domestic abuse;

31 (2) The Domestic Abuse Act of 1991;

32 (3) Domestic abuse victim interview techniques;

33 (4) Supportive services available; and

34 (5) Pro-arrest guidelines and drawbacks of dual arrest and

35 practices to promote the safety of officers.

36 (c) Pertaining to child abuse victim interview techniques, the topics

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1   that shall be covered are:
2   (1)   Current law including child maltreatment act and the
3   Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989;
4   (2)   Child sexual abuse; and
5   (3)   Physical and behavioral indicators.
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7   /s/ Ledbetter, et al.
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