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A Bill

SENATE BILL 628

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLASSIFY AND DESIGNATE THE TEACHING AND
INSTRUCTION PERSONNEL AT THE ARKANSAS POLICE
CORPS TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK AS LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-204 is amended to read as follows:

12-9-204. Academy instructors - Law enforcement powers.

(a) All full-time basic police training course teaching and instruction personnel at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Arkansas Police Corps Training Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy are classified and designated as law enforcement officers after meeting minimum qualifications for law enforcement officers certification as established by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

(b)(1) The personnel shall have and exercise all authority and functions of other law enforcement officers in the State of Arkansas.



(2) They shall have general law enforcement authority to cooperate with, assist, and support local law enforcement officers in all law enforcement activities and functions.

(c) The personnel shall:

(1) Be credited with service toward maintaining and increasing certification levels for time employed at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy; and

(2) Receive credit for years of law enforcement service for time employed at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Arkansas Police Corps Training Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, or the Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy upon employment as law enforcement officers elsewhere in the State of Arkansas.

(d) An Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Arkansas Police Corps Training Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, or Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy instructor classified and designated as a law enforcement officer under this section:

(1) Is not qualified to enroll in a different retirement system because of the classification or designation; and

(2) Shall not qualify for any benefit enhancement other than that available under his or her current retirement system.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that full-time law enforcement instructors at the Arkansas Police Corps Training Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock need access to restricted law enforcement training classes and material to ensure that current skills are maintained while instructing law enforcement personnel in basic police training and other law enforcement training courses; and that a delay in the implementation of this act will hamper the state's ability to provide training and certification of an adequate number of law enforcement officers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

1 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
2 bill; or

3 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
4 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.