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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2161

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT EXTENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR  
9 PROSPECTIVE CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND  
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 EXTENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR  
14 PROSPECTIVE CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT  
15 OFFICERS.  
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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 § 12-9-106(a), concerning the training and  
22 probationary period of a prospective certified law enforcement officer, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a)(1) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and  
25 Training shall provide by rule that a person shall not be appointed as a law  
26 enforcement officer, except on a temporary ~~or probationary~~ basis not to  
27 exceed one (1) year, unless the person has satisfactorily completed a  
28 preparatory program of police training at a school approved by the  
29 commission.

30 (2)(A) A law enforcement officer who lacks the education and  
31 training qualifications or background investigation required by the  
32 commission shall not have his or her temporary ~~or probationary~~ employment  
33 extended beyond one (1) year, by renewal of appointment or otherwise, unless  
34 extraordinary circumstances exist in the majority opinion of the executive  
35 body of the commission.

36 (B) If the executive body of the commission determines



1 under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section that extraordinary circumstances  
2 exist, the commission may approve an extension of temporary ~~or probationary~~  
3 employment for no more than an eight-month period.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-51-301(b)(7)(A), concerning the training  
6 and probationary period of a prospective certified law enforcement officer or  
7 firefighter, is amended to read as follows:

8 (7)(A) A period of probation not to exceed twelve (12) months for  
9 potential fire department appointees and at least one (1) year but no longer  
10 than two (2) years for potential law enforcement appointees before any  
11 appointment is complete and six (6) months before any promotion is complete.