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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1709

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING OFFERED TO CONSTABLES  
10 BY THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT  
11 STANDARDS AND TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE TRAINING OFFERED TO  
16 CONSTABLES BY THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON  
17 LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-115 is amended to read as follows:

23 12-9-115. Training for constables – Requirements to become a certified  
24 law enforcement officer.

25 (a) After consultation with the Arkansas Constables Association, the  
26 Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training shall develop a  
27 voluntary training course of one hundred twenty (120) hours to one hundred  
28 sixty (160) hours for certifying new constables.

29 (b) A constable may choose to become a certified law enforcement  
30 officer if the following conditions are met:

31 (1) The constable completes the training described under  
32 subsection (a) of this section;

33 (2) The constable meets the minimum standards for law  
34 enforcement certification that are required of a new certified law  
35 enforcement officer as established by the commission; and

36 (3) The constable successfully completes any additional training



1 or education required of a new certified law enforcement officer under this  
2 subchapter or as established by the commission by rule.

3 (c)(1) The commission may decertify a constable under this section if  
4 the constable:

5 (A) Fails to successfully complete or maintain the  
6 requirements under subsection (b) of this section; or

7 (B) Fails to comply with the requirements of § 14-14-1314.

8 (2) If the commission decertifies a constable under this  
9 subsection, the constable:

10 (A) May not seek to become a certified law enforcement  
11 officer under this section until after one (1) year has passed from the  
12 decertification; and

13 (B) Shall be required to again complete the requirements  
14 under subsection (b) of this section.

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16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1314, concerning training and uniform  
17 requirements for constables, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
18 read as follows:

19 (e)(1) A constable is not required to become a certified law  
20 enforcement officer.

21 (2) However, a constable may become a certified law enforcement  
22 officer if the constable satisfies the requirements of § 12-9-115(b).