1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S1/18/17	
2	91st General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2017		SENATE BILL 19
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5	By: Senator G. Stubblefie	ld	
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7		For An Act To Be Entitled	
8		TO DETER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST A LAW	
9		MENT OFFICER, A FIREFIGHTER, A FIRST	
10	RESPOND	ER, OR A FAMILY MEMBER OF A LAW ENFORCEME	'NT
11	OFFICER	, FIREFIGHTER, OR FIRST RESPONDER; TO CRE	ATE A
12	SENTENC	E ENHANCEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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15		Subtitle	
16		) DETER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST A LAW	
17		IFORCEMENT OFFICER, A FIREFIGHTER, A	
18	F	RST RESPONDER, OR A FAMILY MEMBER OF A	
19	LA	W ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER, OR	
20	F	RST RESPONDER; AND TO CREATE A SENTENCE	
21	El	HANCEMENT.	
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY TH	E GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	AS:
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26	SECTION 1. A	rkansas Code § 5-4-701 is amended to add	new definitions
27	to read as follows:		
28		irst responder" means a firefighter or a	person employed
29	as an emergency med		
30		aw enforcement officer" includes without	
31	<u> </u>	A) Prosecuting attorney or a deputy pros	ecuting attorney;
32	<u> </u>	B) Code enforcement officer; and	
33	<u>_</u>	C) Corrections officer.	
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35		rkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 4, Subchapt	er 7, is amended
36	to add an additiona	l section to read as follows:	



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1	5-4-704. Sentence enhancement for offense committed because of		
2	victim's or a victim's family's personal characteristics.		
3	(a) A person is subject to an enhanced sentence under this section if		
4	the person purposely selected the victim of an offense committed by the		
5	person because of the victim's actual employment as a law enforcement officer		
6	or first responder or because the victim was the actual spouse or child of a		
7	law enforcement officer or first responder.		
8	(b) If a sentence enhancement is sought under this section, the		
9	information or indictment shall include:		
10	(1) That the sentence enhancement under this section is being		
11	sought; and		
12	(2) The allegations supporting the imposition of the enhanced		
13	sentence under this section.		
14	(c) The sentence enhancement under this section is as follows:		
15	(1) If the person is convicted of a misdemeanor, an additional		
16	fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) and an additional term of		
17	imprisonment of up to six (6) months in the county jail, consecutive to any		
18	other sentence; or		
19	(2) If the person is convicted of a felony, an additional fine		
20	of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and an additional term of		
21	imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, consecutive to any other		
22	sentence.		
23	(d) The sentence enhancement under this section is not available if:		
24	(1) The victim of the offense is a law enforcement officer or		
25	first responder; and		
26	(2) An element of the offense is that the victim is a law		
27	enforcement officer or first responder.		
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29	/s/G. Stubblefield		
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