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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1529

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
10 IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE  
11 OVERDOSE AND THE ROLE OF NALOXONE; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 12-9-122. Controlled substance overdose identification training.

27 (a) As used in this section, "naloxone" means a drug that is an  
28 analgesic antagonist used in the reversal of acute respiratory depression  
29 caused by opioid use.

30 (b)(1) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and  
31 Training in conjunction with the Arkansas Drug Director and the Criminal  
32 Justice Institute shall develop a curriculum for law enforcement training  
33 relating to identifying the signs that a person is experiencing an overdose  
34 of a controlled substance and the ways in which a law enforcement officer can  
35 safely assist the person who has overdosed.

36 (2) A curriculum that is developed under subdivision (b)(1) of



1 this section and certified by the commission shall be delivered to a student  
2 attending a basic law enforcement training course certified by the  
3 commission.

4 (c) Training under subsection (b) of this section shall include  
5 without limitation:

6 (1) The signs and symptoms of an overdose associated with the  
7 use of a controlled substance, including opioids;

8 (2) First-responder treatment and triage for a controlled  
9 substance overdose situation;

10 (3) First-responder safety considerations in a potential or  
11 actual controlled substance overdose situation; and

12 (4) An overview of the role of naloxone in certain opioid  
13 overdose situations.

14 (d) All law enforcement agencies are encouraged to develop a naloxone  
15 program by seeking assistance from the Arkansas Drug Director's office or the  
16 Criminal Justice Institute, or both.

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