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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1680

5 By: Representatives Richardson, Slape  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING CRITICAL INCIDENT DEBRIEFING FOR  
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 CONCERNING CRITICAL INCIDENT DEBRIEFING  
12 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 6, Subchapter 7, is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 12-6-702. Critical incident debriefing.

22 (a) As used in this section, "critical incident" means an event that  
23 has a stressful impact sufficient to overwhelm a person's usually effective  
24 coping skills, including an event that falls outside the range of ordinary  
25 human experience.

26 (b) A law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy that:

27 (1) May require a law enforcement officer who has been involved  
28 in a critical incident to participate in a debriefing by a mental health  
29 professional or a certified peer support member as defined under § 16-40-106;  
30 and

31 (2) Shall require the law enforcement agency to assist a law  
32 enforcement officer who has been involved in a critical incident in obtaining  
33 additional services that may assist the law enforcement officer in recovering  
34 from psychological effects resulting from the critical incident.  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-9-102, concerning definitions used in



1 regards to the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training,  
2 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

3 (4) "Critical incident" means the same as defined in § 12-6-702.  
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5 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-9-118(b)(2), concerning policies for a  
6 law enforcement agency, is amended to read as follows:

7 (2) The proposed or enacted law enforcement agency policies,  
8 including without limitation policies regarding:

9 (A) Use of force;

10 (B) Vehicle pursuit;

11 (C) Professional conduct of law enforcement officers to be  
12 employed by the law enforcement agency; ~~and~~

13 (D) Biased-based policing; and

14 (E) Critical incident debriefing;  
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