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A Bill

SENATE BILL 304

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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN
11 FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR
16 CERTAIN FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 OFFICERS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 5, is
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 26-51-515. Full-time law enforcement officer tax credit.

26 (a) As used in this section:

27 (1) "Full-time law enforcement officer" means a law enforcement
28 officer who:

29 (A) Is employed by and receives a salary authorized by a
30 law enforcement agency;

31 (B) Has the statutory authority to enforce the criminal,
32 traffic, or highway laws of the state or of the federal government; and

33 (C) Has worked for a law enforcement agency for at least
34 twenty-five (25) hours per week for at least eleven (11) months of the
35 calendar year; and

36 (2) "Law enforcement agency" means a municipal police



1 department, a county sheriff's office, a law enforcement entity of the State
2 of Arkansas, including without limitation the Division of Arkansas State
3 Police, or a federal law enforcement entity.

4 (b)(1) There is allowed an income tax credit against the income tax
5 imposed by this chapter in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for
6 a taxpayer who obtains verification as stated in subsection (c) of this
7 section.

8 (2) The amount of the income tax credit under this section that
9 may be claimed by the taxpayer in a tax year shall not exceed the amount of
10 income tax due by the taxpayer.

11 (c) A taxpayer may receive the credit under subsection (b) of this
12 section if the taxpayer obtains verification as follows:

13 (1) If the taxpayer is the chief law enforcement officer of a
14 law enforcement agency, the taxpayer shall obtain written verification on a
15 form approved by the Department of Finance and Administration that:

16 (A) States that the taxpayer is a full-time law
17 enforcement officer; and

18 (B) Is signed by the second most senior law enforcement
19 officer and the payroll clerk of the law enforcement agency; and

20 (2) If the taxpayer is not the chief law enforcement officer of
21 the law enforcement agency, the taxpayer shall obtain written verification on
22 a form approved by the department that:

23 (A) States that the taxpayer is a full-time law
24 enforcement officer; and

25 (B) Is signed by the taxpayer's immediate supervisor and
26 the chief law enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency.

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28 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 1 of this act is effective for tax
29 years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

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