1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H1/16/25	
2	95th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2025		HOUSE BILL 1030
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5	Representatives T. Shepho	ard, A. Collins, D. Garner, Springer, Gonzales Worthen	
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT	TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OR LAW	
10	ENFORCE	MENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL	
11	CAMPUS	OR EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO	
12	OBTAIN	CERTIFICATION IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST	
13	AID; TO	REQUIRE A SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO RECEIVE YOUT	Н
14	MENTAL	HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER	
15	PURPOSE	S.	
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18		Subtitle	
19	TC) REQUIRE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OR	
20	LA	AW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN	
21	CE	ERTIFICATION IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH	
22	FI	IRST AID; AND TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL	
23	CC	DUNSELOR TO RECEIVE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH	
24	FI	IRST AID TRAINING.	
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26	BE IT ENACTED BY TH	E GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS	:
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28	SECTION 1. A	rkansas Code § 6-10-128(d)(1)(A)(ii), conce	rning school
29	resource officer tr	aining requirements, is amended to read as	follows:
30		(ii)(a) A ttend a training in yo	uth mental
31	health as required	by the State Board of Education Obtain cert	<u>ification in</u>
32	<u>Youth Mental Health</u>	First Aid.	
33		(b) The youth mental health tra	ining required
34	under subdivision (d)(l)(A)(ii)(a) of this section shall be ob	tained Youth
35	<u>Mental Health First</u>	Aid certification shall be maintained and	<u>renewed</u> every
36	four (4) years if t	he school resource officer remains assigned	to or employed



1	by a public school district;		
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3	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-10-128(d)(l)(C)(ii), concerning		
4	continuing education hours for school resource officers, is amended to read		
5	as follows:		
6	(ii) The youth mental health <u>Youth Mental Health</u>		
7	First Aid training required under subdivision (d)(l)(A)(ii) of this section		
8	and the school resource officer refresher training required under subdivision		
9	(d)(l)(B) of this section shall count towards the twelve (12) hours of public		
10	<pre>school-specific continuing education required under subdivision (d)(l)(C)(i)</pre>		
11	of this section in the years during which the youth mental health <u>Youth</u>		
12	Mental Health First Aid and school resource officer refresher trainings are		
13	completed.		
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15	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-2004(d), concerning school counselor		
16	training required for purposes of comprehensive student services, is amended		
17	to read as follows:		
18	(d) By September 1, $\frac{2024}{2025}$, and every four (4) years following, a		
19	school counselor shall receive youth mental health <u>Youth Mental Health First</u>		
20	$\underline{\operatorname{Aid}}$ training, as prescribed by the State Board of Education, to learn the		
21	risk factors and warning signs of mental health issues in adolescents, the		
22	importance of early intervention, and how to help an adolescent who is in		
23	crisis or expecting a mental health challenge.		
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25	/s/T. Shephard		
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