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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1769

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5 By: Representative Barnett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS;
10 TO REQUIRE A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OR ASSESSMENT
11 TO BECOME OR BE EMPLOYED AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT
12 OFFICER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
17 STANDARDS; AND TO REQUIRE A
18 PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OR ASSESSMENT
19 TO BECOME OR BE EMPLOYED AS A LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.
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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 12-9-127. Psychological evaluations or assessments.

27 (a) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training
28 shall require all individuals to be evaluated or assessed by a licensed
29 psychiatrist or psychologist before employment with a law enforcement agency.

30 (b) A law enforcement officer employed by a law enforcement agency,
31 regardless of whether employed full time, part time, or on an auxiliary
32 basis, shall be biennially evaluated or assessed by an individual licensed to
33 practice psychiatry or psychology and qualified to perform a psychological
34 evaluation or assessment in this state.

35 (c)(1) A psychological evaluation or assessment under this section may
36 be conducted in-person or through telemedicine.



1 (2) An in-person evaluation or assessment shall be obtained
2 within the first month of a law enforcement officer's employment with a law
3 enforcement agency to continue employment with the law enforcement agency,
4 regardless of whether the law enforcement officer works full time, part time,
5 or on an auxiliary basis.

6 (3) A psychological evaluation or assessment performed by a
7 questionnaire shall only be accepted on a temporary basis for a period of a
8 thirty (30) days after which a full psychological evaluation or assessment
9 shall be performed.

10 (d) A law enforcement officer shall not submit a psychological
11 evaluation or assessment that is older than two (2) years to a law
12 enforcement agency or the commission.

13 (e) A law enforcement officer shall update his or her psychological
14 evaluation or assessment biennially with the commission to maintain law
15 enforcement officer certification.

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