1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/20/25	
2	95th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2025		HOUSE BILL 1769
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5	By: Representative Barnett		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
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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16	CON	CERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	
17	STA	NDARDS; AND TO REQUIRE A	
18	PSY	CHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OR ASSESSMENT	
19	TO 1	BECOME OR BE EMPLOYED AS A LAW	
20	ENF	ORCEMENT OFFICER.	
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA	NSAS:
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24	SECTION 1. Ark	kansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subch	apter l, is amended
25	to add an additional	section to read as follows:	
26	<u>12-9-127. Psyc</u>	chological evaluations or assessments.	
27	<u>(a) The Arkans</u>	sas Commission on Law Enforcement Stan	<u>dards and Training</u>
28	<u>shall require all inc</u>	lividuals to be evaluated or assessed	<u>by a licensed</u>
29	<u>psychiatrist or psych</u>	nologist before employment with a law	enforcement agency.
30	<u>(b) A law enfo</u>	prcement officer employed by a law enf	<u>orcement agency,</u>
31	regardless of whether	r employed full time, part time, or on	an auxiliary
32	<u>basis, shall be evalu</u>	nated or assessed every five (5) years	<u>by an individual</u>
33	licensed to practice psychiatry or psychology and qualified to perform a		
34	psychological evaluat	tion or assessment in this state.	
35	<u>(c)</u> A psycholo	ogical evaluation or assessment under	<u>this section may be</u>
36	<u>conducted in-person c</u>	or through telemedicine.	



1	(d) A law enforcement officer seeking employment with a new or		
2	different law enforcement agency shall not submit a psychological evaluation		
3	or assessment that is older than two (2) years to a law enforcement agency or		
4	the commission.		
5	(e) A law enforcement officer shall update his or her psychological		
6	evaluation or assessment every five (5) years with the commission to maintain		
7	law enforcement officer certification.		
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