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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1237

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6 By: Senator B. Pierce
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANINE
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR
14 CANINE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-104(7), concerning the powers of the
21 Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (7) Adopt rules and minimum standards for schools which shall
24 include, but not be limited to, the following:

25 (A) The curriculum for:

26 (i) Probationary police officers, which shall be
27 offered by all certified schools, and which shall include, but shall not be
28 limited to, courses on:

- 29 (a) Accident investigation;
- 30 (b) Arrest;
- 31 (c) Civil rights;
- 32 (d) Court testimonies;
- 33 (e) Criminal law;
- 34 (f) Firearms training;
- 35 (g) First aid;
- 36 (h) Handling of juvenile offenders;



- 1 (i) Human relations;
- 2 (j) Law of criminal procedure;
- 3 (k) Law of evidence;
- 4 (l) Physical training;
- 5 (m) Race relations and sensitivity;
- 6 (n) Recognition of mental conditions which
- 7 require immediate assistance and methods to safeguard and provide assistance
- 8 to a person in need of mental treatment;
- 9 (o) Reports;
- 10 (p) Search and seizure;
- 11 (q) Statements;
- 12 (r) Techniques of obtaining physical evidence;
- 13 (s) Traffic control; and
- 14 (t) Vehicle and traffic law; and
- 15 (ii) Permanent police officers, which shall include,
- 16 but shall not be limited to, refresher and in-service training in:
 - 17 (a) Any of the courses listed in subdivision
 - 18 (7)(A)(i) of this section;
 - 19 (b) Advanced courses in any of the subjects
 - 20 listed in subdivision (7)(A)(i) of this section;
 - 21 (c) Training for supervisory personnel; and
 - 22 (d) Specialized training in subjects and
 - 23 fields to be selected by the board;
 - 24 (B) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and
 - 25 equipment requirements;
 - 26 (C) Minimum requirements for instructors; ~~and~~
 - 27 (D) Minimum basic training requirements which a
 - 28 probationary police officer must satisfactorily complete before being
 - 29 eligible for permanent employment as a law enforcement officer; and
 - 30 (E)(i) Minimum training and certification requirements for
 - 31 law enforcement officers utilizing canines as an aid for performing searches,
 - 32 seizures, and other law enforcement functions.
 - 33 (ii) This requirement shall include certification
 - 34 requirements for:
 - 35 (a) Officers or other persons who conduct
 - 36 training for law enforcement canines;

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(b) Courses for training law enforcement

canines;

(c) Minimum requirements for law enforcement

canine certifying officials;

(d) Record keeping concerning the training of

law enforcement canines; and

(e) Law enforcement canines;