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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2161

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR
PROSPECTIVE CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

EXTENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR
PROSPECTIVE CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-106(a), concerning the training and probationary period of a prospective certified law enforcement officer, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training shall provide by rule that a person shall not be appointed as a law enforcement officer, except on a temporary ~~or probationary~~ basis not to exceed one (1) year, unless the person has satisfactorily completed a preparatory program of police training at a school approved by the commission.

(2)(A) A law enforcement officer who lacks the education and training qualifications or background investigation required by the commission shall not have his or her temporary ~~or probationary~~ employment extended beyond one (1) year, by renewal of appointment or otherwise, unless extraordinary circumstances exist in the majority opinion of the executive body of the commission.

(B) If the executive body of the commission determines



under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section that extraordinary circumstances exist, the commission may approve an extension of temporary ~~or probationary~~ employment for no more than an eight-month period.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-51-301(b)(7)(A), concerning the training and probationary period of a prospective certified law enforcement officer or firefighter, is amended to read as follows:

(7)(A) A period of probation not to exceed twelve (12) months for potential fire department appointees and at least one (1) year but no longer than two (2) years for potential law enforcement appointees before any appointment is complete and six (6) months before any promotion is complete.