

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1709

By: Representative Gates  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING OFFERED TO CONSTABLES  
BY THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE TRAINING OFFERED TO  
CONSTABLES BY THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON  
LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-115 is amended to read as follows:

12-9-115. Training for constables - Requirements to become a certified law enforcement officer.

(a) After consultation with the Arkansas Constables Association, the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training shall develop a voluntary training course of one hundred twenty (120) hours to one hundred sixty (160) hours for certifying new constables.

(b) A constable may choose to become a certified law enforcement officer if the following conditions are met:

(1) The constable completes the training described under subsection (a) of this section;

(2) The constable meets the minimum standards for law enforcement certification that are required of a new certified law enforcement officer as established by the commission; and

(3) The constable successfully completes any additional training



or education required of a new certified law enforcement officer under this subchapter or as established by the commission by rule.

(c)(1) The commission may decertify a constable under this section if the constable:

(A) Fails to successfully complete or maintain the requirements under subsection (b) of this section; or

(B) Fails to comply with the requirements of § 14-14-1314.

(2) If the commission decertifies a constable under this subsection, the constable:

(A) May not seek to become a certified law enforcement officer under this section until after one (1) year has passed from the decertification; and

(B) Shall be required to again complete the requirements under subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1314, concerning training and uniform requirements for constables, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) A constable is not required to become a certified law enforcement officer.

(2) However, a constable may become a certified law enforcement officer if the constable satisfies the requirements of § 12-9-115(b).