

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 806

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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).

/s/A. Clark