

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1769

By: Representative Barnett

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS;
TO REQUIRE A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OR ASSESSMENT
TO BECOME OR BE EMPLOYED AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
STANDARDS; AND TO REQUIRE A
PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OR ASSESSMENT
TO BECOME OR BE EMPLOYED AS A LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-9-127. Psychological evaluations or assessments.

(a) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training shall require all individuals to be evaluated or assessed by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist before employment with a law enforcement agency.

(b) A law enforcement officer employed by a law enforcement agency, regardless of whether employed full time, part time, or on an auxiliary basis, shall be evaluated or assessed every five (5) years by an individual licensed to practice psychiatry or psychology and qualified to perform a psychological evaluation or assessment in this state.

(c) A psychological evaluation or assessment under this section may be conducted in-person or through telemedicine.



(d) A law enforcement officer seeking employment with a new or different law enforcement agency shall not submit a psychological evaluation or assessment that is older than two (2) years to a law enforcement agency or the commission.

(e) A law enforcement officer shall update his or her psychological evaluation or assessment every five (5) years with the commission to maintain law enforcement officer certification.

/s/Barnett