

By: Representative West

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 507

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE BOARD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND
3 TRAINING TO ESTABLISH A HIGH SPEED PURSUIT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
4 STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 TRAINEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-6-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 45-6-7. (1) In addition to the powers conferred upon the
10 board elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall have power to:

11 (a) Promulgate rules and regulations for the
12 administration of this chapter, including the authority to require
13 the submission of reports and information by law enforcement
14 agencies of the state and its political subdivisions.

15 (b) Establish minimum educational and training
16 standards for admission to employment or appointment as a law
17 enforcement officer or a part-time law enforcement officer: (i)
18 in a permanent position; and (ii) in a probationary status.

19 (c) Certify persons as being qualified under the
20 provisions of this chapter to be law enforcement officers or
21 part-time law enforcement officers.

22 (d) Revoke certification for cause and in the manner
23 provided in this chapter.

24 (e) Establish minimum curriculum requirements for basic
25 and advanced courses and programs for schools operated by or for
26 the state or any political subdivision thereof for the specific
27 purpose of training police and other law enforcement officers,
28 both full- and part-time.



29 (f) Consult and cooperate with counties,
30 municipalities, state agencies, other governmental agencies, and
31 with universities, colleges, community and junior colleges and
32 other institutions concerning the development of training schools,
33 programs or courses of instruction for personnel defined in this
34 chapter.

35 (g) Make recommendations concerning any matter within
36 its purview pursuant to this chapter.

37 (h) Make such inspection and evaluation as may be
38 necessary to determine if governmental units are complying with
39 the provisions of this chapter.

40 (i) Approve law enforcement officer training schools
41 for operation by or for the state or any political subdivision
42 thereof for the specific purpose of training personnel defined in
43 this chapter.

44 (j) Upon the request of agencies employing personnel
45 defined in this chapter, conduct surveys or aid municipalities and
46 counties to conduct surveys through qualified public or private
47 agencies and assist in the implementation of any recommendations
48 resulting from such surveys.

49 (k) Upon request of agencies within the purview of this
50 chapter, conduct general and specific management surveys and
51 studies of the operations of the requesting agencies at no cost to
52 those agencies. The role of the board under this subsection shall
53 be that of management consultant.

54 (l) Adopt and amend regulations consistent with law,
55 for its internal management and control of board programs.

56 (m) Enter into contracts or do such things as may be
57 necessary and incidental to the administration of this chapter.

58 (n) Establish jointly with the State Board of Education
59 the minimum level of basic law enforcement training required of
60 persons employed by school districts as school security guards, or



61 school resource officers or in other positions that have the
62 powers of a peace officer.

63 (2) (a) The board shall establish a high speed pursuit
64 training program that includes classroom and vehicle training for
65 state and local law enforcement officers and law enforcement
66 trainees. The board shall develop a manual for the training
67 program and provide the manual to all state, county and municipal
68 law enforcement agencies. The training program shall include
69 specific instruction in rules of engagement and risk awareness
70 designed to minimize the risk to law enforcement officers and the
71 public.

72 (b) All law enforcement officers and law enforcement
73 trainees shall be required to attend and complete the training
74 program described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. The time,
75 place and duration of the training program shall be determined by
76 the board.

77 (c) All rules and regulations established by the board
78 in paragraph (a) of this subsection creating the training program
79 must meet all requirements of notice to and inspection by the
80 public under the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law being
81 Sections 25-43-1 through 25-43-19.

82 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
83 and after July 1, 2003.

