

By: Representative Snowden

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1194

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE
3 CHIEFS AND PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL
4 POLICE OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 45-6-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 45-6-19. (1) The chief of police of any municipality in the
9 State of Mississippi is required to annually complete twenty (20)
10 hours of executive level continuing education courses which are
11 approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
12 Standards and Training. Any new chief of police having never
13 previously served in that capacity, is required to complete forty
14 (40) hours of executive level continuing education courses for his
15 first year of service. Such education courses may be provided by
16 an accredited law enforcement academy or by the Mississippi * * *
17 Association of Chiefs of Police.

18 (2) Any police officer of any municipality in the State of
19 Mississippi is required to annually complete a specified number of
20 hours, as stated in this subsection, of continuing education
21 courses which are approved by the Mississippi Board on Law
22 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. The following number
23 of hours of continuing education courses is required for municipal
24 police officers based upon the number of years following July 1,
25 2004:

- 26 0-2 years after July 1, 20048 hours of annual training
- 27 3-4 years after July 1, 200416 hours of annual training
- 28 5 or more years after July 1, 2004..24 hours of annual training

29 Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law
30 enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of
31 Police.

32 (3) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
33 Standards and Training shall reimburse each municipality for the
34 expense incurred for chiefs of police and municipal police
35 officers in attendance at approved training programs as required
36 by this section.

37 (4) Any chief of police or municipal police officer who
38 fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be
39 subject to having his certification as a chief of police or
40 municipal police officer revoked by the Mississippi Board on Law
41 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training, in accordance with
42 Section 45-6-11.

43 (5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
44 Standards and Training is authorized to institute and promulgate
45 all rules necessary for considering the revocation of any
46 municipal chief of police or municipal police officer who does not
47 comply with the provisions of this section, and may grant, for
48 sufficient cause shown, an extension of time in which compliance
49 with the provisions of this section may be made.

50 (6) Any chief of police or municipal police officer who is
51 aggrieved by any order or ruling made under the provisions of this
52 section has the same rights and procedure of appeal as from any
53 other order or ruling of the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement
54 Officers Standards and Training.

55 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2004.