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To: Judiciary, Division B;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2741

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE
3 OFFICERS, AND TO DIRECT THE BOARD ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
4 STANDARDS AND TRAINING TO REIMBURSE MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE COST OF
5 SUCH TRAINING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

27 0-2 years 8 hours of annual training
28 3-4 years 16 hours of annual training

29 5 or more years 24 hours of annual training
30 Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law
31 enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of
32 Police.

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

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

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

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

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