

By: Representative Dixon

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1203

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN TESTING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR  
2 ALL APPLICANTS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) In addition to any other requirements  
6 provided by law, any person desiring to become a law enforcement  
7 officer shall comply with the following provisions as part of the  
8 application process for employment as a law enforcement officer:

- 9 (a) Mental health evaluation by a licensed  
10 psychologist;
- 11 (b) Criminal background check;
- 12 (c) A thorough investigation by the Mississippi Bureau  
13 of Investigation into the character of the applicant; and
- 14 (d) Testing for alcohol, drug or substance abuse.

15 (2) Any applicant who does not satisfactorily complete the  
16 requirements of subsection (1) of this section shall not be  
17 eligible for employment as a law enforcement officer.



18           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
19 and after July 1, 2013.

