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To: Universities and
Colleges; Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 418

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 REQUIRE THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY ANY
 3 PUBLIC TWO-YEAR OR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND ANY
 4 EXTENSION THEREOF IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND THE PEARL RIVER
 5 VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT TO COMPLETE ANNUAL CONTINUING
 6 EDUCATION COURSES PROVIDED BY AN ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT
 7 ACADEMY OR THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF POLICE CHIEFS; TO
 8 PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS TO ATTEND APPROVED TRAINING
 9 TO THE EMPLOYING ENTITY FOR THE REQUIRED TRAINING BY THE
 10 MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STANDARDS AND
 11 TRAINING; TO PROVIDE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR THOSE FAILING TO
 12 COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TRAINING; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE
 13 APPEALS PROCESS FOR ANY OFFICER AGGRIEVED BY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS;
 14 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

18 45-6-19. (1) The chief of police of any municipality,
 19 public two-year or four-year college or university and any
 20 extension thereof in the State of Mississippi, and the Pearl River
 21 Valley Water Supply District is required to annually complete
 22 twenty (20) hours of executive level continuing education courses
 23 which are approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement
 24 Officers Standards and Training. Any new chief of police having



25 never previously served in that capacity, is required to complete
26 forty (40) hours of executive level continuing education courses
27 for his first year of service. Such education courses may be
28 provided by an accredited law enforcement academy or by the
29 Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police.

30 (2) Any police officer of any municipality, public two-year
31 or four-year college or university and any extension thereof in
32 the State of Mississippi, and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply
33 District is required to annually complete a specified number of
34 hours, as stated in this subsection, of continuing education
35 courses which are approved by the Mississippi Board on Law
36 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. The following number
37 of hours of continuing education courses is required for
38 municipal, public two-year or four-year college or university and
39 any extension thereof and Pearl River Valley Water Supply District
40 police officers based upon the number of years following July 1,
41 2004:

42 0-2 years after July 1, 20048 hours of annual training
43 3-4 years after July 1, 200416 hours of annual training
44 5 or more years after July 1, 2004..24 hours of annual training

45 Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law
46 enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of
47 Police.

48 (3) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
49 Standards and Training shall reimburse each municipality, public



50 two-year or four-year college or university and any extension
51 thereof and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District for the
52 expense incurred for chiefs of police and municipal, public
53 two-year or four-year college or university and any extension
54 thereof and Pearl River Valley Water Supply District police
55 officers in attendance at approved training programs as required
56 by this section.

57 (4) Any chief of police or municipal, public two-year or
58 four-year college or university and any extension thereof and
59 Pearl River Valley Water Supply District police officer who fails
60 to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to
61 having his certification as a chief of police or municipal police
62 officer revoked by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement
63 Officers Standards and Training, in accordance with Section
64 45-6-11.

65 (5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
66 Standards and Training is authorized to institute and promulgate
67 all rules necessary for considering the revocation of any
68 municipal chief of police or municipal, public two-year or
69 four-year college or university and any extension thereof and
70 Pearl River Valley Water Supply District police officer who does
71 not comply with the provisions of this section, and may grant, for
72 sufficient cause shown, an extension of time in which compliance
73 with the provisions of this section may be made.



74 (6) Any chief of police or municipal, public two-year or
75 four-year college or university and any extension thereof and
76 Pearl River Valley Water Supply District police officer who is
77 aggrieved by any order or ruling made under the provisions of this
78 section has the same rights and procedure of appeal as from any
79 other order or ruling of the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement
80 Officers Standards and Training.

81 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
82 and after July 1, 2024.

