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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1333

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-6-7 AND 45-6-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE
 2 OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS
 3 AND TRAINING TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE
 4 CERTIFICATION OF K-9 LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS IN THE STATE OF
 5 MISSISSIPPI AND MOTORCYCLE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; TO REQUIRE
 6 SUCH OFFICERS TO COMPLETE ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE FOR
 7 THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF HOURS, AS DETERMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
 8 BOARD; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 45-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 9 FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

13 45-6-7. In addition to the powers conferred upon the board
 14 elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall have power to:

15 (a) Promulgate rules and regulations for the
 16 administration of this chapter, including the authority to require
 17 the submission of reports and information by law enforcement
 18 agencies of the state and its political subdivisions.

19 (b) Establish minimum educational and training
 20 standards for admission to employment or appointment as a law
 21 enforcement officer or a part-time law enforcement officer: (i)



22 in a permanent position; and (ii) in a probationary status. The
23 minimum educational and training standards for any law enforcement
24 officer assigned to field or investigative duties shall include at
25 least two (2) hours of training related to handling complaints of
26 human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children
27 as defined in Section 43-21-105, communicating with such victims,
28 and requiring the officer to contact the Department of Child
29 Protection Services when human trafficking or commercial sexual
30 exploitation is suspected.

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

34 (d) Revoke certification for cause and in the manner
35 provided in this chapter. The board is authorized to subpoena
36 documents regarding revocations. The board shall maintain a
37 current list of all persons certified under this chapter who have
38 been placed on probation, suspended, subjected to revocation of
39 certification, or any combination of these.

40 (e) Establish minimum curriculum requirements for basic
41 and advanced courses and programs for schools operated by or for
42 the state or any political subdivision thereof for the specific
43 purpose of training police and other law enforcement officers,
44 both full- and part-time, which shall include a minimum of two (2)
45 hours of training in a course or courses related to the



46 identification of and support for victims of human trafficking and
47 commercial sexual exploitation.

48 (f) Consult and cooperate with counties,
49 municipalities, state agencies, other governmental agencies, and
50 with universities, colleges, community and junior colleges and
51 other institutions concerning the development of training schools,
52 programs or courses of instruction for personnel defined in this
53 chapter.

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

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

59 (i) Approve law enforcement officer training schools
60 for operation by or for the state or any political subdivision
61 thereof for the specific purpose of training personnel defined in
62 this chapter.

63 (j) Upon the request of agencies employing personnel
64 defined in this chapter, conduct surveys or aid municipalities and
65 counties to conduct surveys through qualified public or private
66 agencies and assist in the implementation of any recommendations
67 resulting from such surveys.

68 (k) Upon request of agencies within the purview of this
69 chapter, conduct general and specific management surveys and
70 studies of the operations of the requesting agencies at no cost to



71 those agencies. The role of the board under this subsection shall
72 be that of management consultant.

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

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

77 (n) Establish jointly with the State Board of Education
78 the minimum level of basic law enforcement training required of
79 persons employed by school districts as school security guards, or
80 school resource officers or in other positions that have the
81 powers of a peace officer.

82 (o) Promulgate rules and regulations to require the
83 certification of K-9 law enforcement officers in the State of
84 Mississippi.

85 (p) Promulgate rules and regulations to require the
86 certification of motorcycle law enforcement officers in the State
87 of Mississippi.

88 **SECTION 2.** Section 45-6-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
89 amended as follows:

90 45-6-19. (1) The chief of police of any municipality in the
91 State of Mississippi is required to annually complete twenty (20)
92 hours of executive level continuing education courses which are
93 approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
94 Standards and Training. Any new chief of police having never
95 previously served in that capacity, is required to complete forty



96 (40) hours of executive level continuing education courses for his
97 first year of service. Such education courses may be provided by
98 an accredited law enforcement academy or by the Mississippi
99 Association of Chiefs of Police.

100 (2) (a) Any police officer of any municipality in the State
101 of Mississippi is required to annually complete a specified number
102 of hours, as stated in this subsection, of continuing education
103 courses which are approved by the Mississippi Board on Law
104 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. The following number
105 of hours of continuing education courses is required for municipal
106 police officers based upon the number of years following July 1,
107 2004:

- 108 0-2 years after July 1, 20048 hours of annual training
- 109 3-4 years after July 1, 200416 hours of annual training
- 110 5 or more years after July 1, 2004..24 hours of annual training

111 Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law
112 enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of
113 Police.

114 (b) Any law enforcement officer employed by the
115 Department of Public Safety, a municipal police department or
116 county's sheriff's office in the State of Mississippi, who is a
117 member of a K-9 law enforcement team, is required to annually
118 complete a specified number of continuing education course hours,
119 as determined and approved by the board, which are in accordance
120 with standards prescribed by the United States Police Canine



121 Association, the National Narcotics Dog Association, the National
122 Police Canine Association, the American Police Working Dog
123 Association or any other association or organization as approved
124 by the board for K-9 law enforcement officers.

125 (c) Any law enforcement officer employed by the
126 Mississippi Department of Public Safety, a municipal police
127 department or county sheriff's office in the State of Mississippi,
128 who is a motorcycle law enforcement officer, is required to
129 annually complete a specified number of continuing education
130 course hours, as determined and approved by the board, which are
131 in accordance with standards prescribed by the Texas A&M
132 Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), the Institute of Police
133 Technology and Management, the Northwestern University Center for
134 Public Safety - Police Motorcycle Instructor Training or any other
135 association or organization approved by the board for motorcycle
136 law enforcement officers.

137 (3) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
138 Standards and Training shall reimburse each municipality for the
139 expense incurred for chiefs of police and municipal police
140 officers in attendance at approved training programs as required
141 by this section.

142 (4) Any chief of police or municipal police officer who
143 fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be
144 subject to having his certification as a chief of police or
145 municipal police officer revoked by the Mississippi Board on Law



146 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training, in accordance with
147 Section 45-6-11.

148 (5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
149 Standards and Training is authorized to institute and promulgate
150 all rules necessary for considering the revocation of any
151 municipal chief of police or municipal police officer who does not
152 comply with the provisions of this section, and may grant, for
153 sufficient cause shown, an extension of time in which compliance
154 with the provisions of this section may be made.

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

160 **SECTION 3.** Section 45-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
161 brought forward as follows:

162 45-6-13. (1) The board shall establish, provide or maintain
163 law enforcement training programs through such agencies and
164 institutions as the board may deem appropriate.

165 (2) The board shall authorize, but only from such funds
166 authorized and appropriated by the Legislature, the reimbursement
167 to each political subdivision and to state agencies of at least
168 fifty percent (50%) of the allowable salary and allowable tuition,
169 living and travel expense incurred by law enforcement officers in
170 attendance at approved training programs, provided said political



171 subdivisions and state agencies do in fact adhere to the selection
172 and training standards established by the board. The board shall
173 authorize, but only from such funds authorized and appropriated by
174 the Legislature, the direct funding of a part-time law enforcement
175 officer training program. The board shall require the payment of
176 a reasonable tuition fee to aid in funding the costs of
177 administering the part-time law enforcement officer training
178 program.

179 (3) The board is authorized to expend funds for the purpose
180 of providing a professional library and training aids that will be
181 available to state agencies and political subdivisions.

182 (4) If any full- or part-time law enforcement officer in
183 this state who is employed by a municipality, county or other
184 governmental entity shall, within three (3) years after the date
185 of his employment, resign from, or be terminated from, employment
186 by such entity and immediately become employed by another
187 governmental entity in a law enforcement capacity, then the
188 governmental entity by which the resigned or terminated officer is
189 employed shall reimburse the governmental entity from which the
190 officer resigned or was terminated a proportionate share of the
191 officer's law enforcement training expenses which were incurred by
192 such entity, if any.

193 (5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
194 Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the



195 expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance
196 at approved training programs as provided in Section 25-3-25.

197 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
198 and after July 1, 2024.

