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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2014

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 INCLUDE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL TRAINING STANDARDS WITHIN THE LAW
 3 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT
 4 OFFICER ASSIGNED TO FIELD OR INVESTIGATIVE DUTIES; TO REQUIRE THE
 5 TRAINING BE RELATED TO CRIMES COMMITTED BY REASON OF THE ACTUAL OR
 6 PERCEIVED RACE, COLOR, ANCESTRY, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, NATIONAL
 7 ORIGIN OR GENDER OF THE VICTIM; TO REQUIRE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
 8 OFFICER TO REPORT SUCH CRIMES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

12 45-6-7. In addition to the powers conferred upon the board
 13 elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall have power to:

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

18 (b) Establish minimum educational and training
 19 standards for admission to employment or appointment as a law
 20 enforcement officer or a part-time law enforcement officer: (i)
 21 in a permanent position; and (ii) in a probationary status. The



22 minimum educational and training standards for any law enforcement
23 officer assigned to field or investigative duties shall include at
24 least two (2) hours of training related to handling complaints of
25 human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children
26 as defined in Section 43-21-105, communicating with such
27 victims * * * and requiring the officer to contact the Department
28 of Child Protection Services when human trafficking or commercial
29 sexual exploitation is suspected. The minimum educational
30 training standards for any law enforcement officer assigned to
31 field or investigative duties shall include at least two (2) hours
32 of training related to handling, investigating, and reporting
33 complaints of crimes committed by reason of the actual or
34 perceived race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, national
35 origin or gender of the victim and requiring the officer to
36 contact the Department of Public Safety when such a crime is
37 suspected.

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

41 (d) Revoke certification for cause and in the manner
42 provided in this chapter. The board is authorized to subpoena
43 documents regarding revocations. The board shall maintain a
44 current list of all persons certified under this chapter who have
45 been placed on probation, suspended, subjected to revocation of
46 certification * * * or any combination of these.



47 (e) Establish minimum curriculum requirements for basic
48 and advanced courses and programs for schools operated by or for
49 the state or any political subdivision thereof for the specific
50 purpose of training police and other law enforcement officers,
51 both full- and part-time, which shall include a minimum of two (2)
52 hours of training in a course or courses related to the
53 identification of and support for victims of human trafficking and
54 commercial sexual exploitation.

55 (f) Consult and cooperate with counties,
56 municipalities, state agencies, other governmental agencies, and
57 with universities, colleges, community and junior colleges and
58 other institutions concerning the development of training schools,
59 programs or courses of instruction for personnel defined in this
60 chapter.

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

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

66 (i) Approve law enforcement officer training schools
67 for operation by or for the state or any political subdivision
68 thereof for the specific purpose of training personnel defined in
69 this chapter.

70 (j) Upon the request of agencies employing personnel
71 defined in this chapter, conduct surveys or aid municipalities and



72 counties to conduct surveys through qualified public or private
73 agencies and assist in the implementation of any recommendations
74 resulting from such surveys.

75 (k) Upon request of agencies within the purview of this
76 chapter, conduct general and specific management surveys and
77 studies of the operations of the requesting agencies at no cost to
78 those agencies. The role of the board under this subsection shall
79 be that of management consultant.

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

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

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

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

