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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2433

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 AND MOTORCYCLE LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS IN THE
 5 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 45-6-13,
 6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT;
 7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

11 45-6-7. In addition to the powers conferred upon the board
 12 elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall have power to:

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

66 (k) Upon request of agencies within the purview of this
67 chapter, conduct general and specific management surveys and
68 studies of the operations of the requesting agencies at no cost to
69 those agencies. The role of the board under this subsection shall
70 be that of management consultant.



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

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

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

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

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

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

88 45-6-19. (1) The chief of police of any municipality in the
89 State of Mississippi is required to annually complete twenty (20)
90 hours of executive level continuing education courses which are
91 approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement * * * Officer
92 Standards and Training. Any new chief of police having never
93 previously served in that capacity, is required to complete forty
94 (40) hours of executive level continuing education courses for his
95 first year of service. Such education courses may be provided by



96 an accredited law enforcement academy or by the Mississippi
97 Association of Chiefs of Police.

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

- 106 0-2 years after July 1, 20048 hours of annual training
- 107 3-4 years after July 1, 200416 hours of annual training
- 108 5 or more years after July 1, 2004..24 hours of annual training

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

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



121 association or organization as approved by the board for K-9 law
122 enforcement officers.

123 (c) Any law enforcement officer employed by the
124 Department of Public Safety, a municipal police department or
125 county sheriff's office in the State of Mississippi who is a
126 motorcycle law enforcement officer is required to annually
127 complete a specified number of continuing education course hours,
128 as determined and approved by the board, which are in accordance
129 with standards prescribed by TEEEX, the Institute of Police
130 Technology and Management, the Northwestern Police Instructor
131 Training or any other association or organization as approved by
132 the board for motorcycle law enforcement officers.

133 (3) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement * * * Officer
134 Standards and Training shall reimburse each municipality for the
135 expense incurred for chiefs of police and municipal police
136 officers in attendance at approved training programs as required
137 by this section.

138 (4) Any chief of police or municipal police officer who
139 fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be
140 subject to having his certification as a chief of police or
141 municipal police officer revoked by the Mississippi Board on Law
142 Enforcement * * * Officer Standards and Training, in accordance
143 with Section 45-6-11.

144 (5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement * * * Officer
145 Standards and Training is authorized to institute and promulgate



146 all rules necessary for considering the revocation of any
147 municipal chief of police or municipal police officer who does not
148 comply with the provisions of this section, and may grant, for
149 sufficient cause shown, an extension of time in which compliance
150 with the provisions of this section may be made.

151 (6) Any chief of police or municipal police officer who is
152 aggrieved by any order or ruling made under the provisions of this
153 section has the same rights and procedure of appeal as from any
154 other order or ruling of the Mississippi Board on Law
155 Enforcement * * * Officer Standards and Training.

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

158 45-6-13. (1) The board shall establish, provide or maintain
159 law enforcement training programs through such agencies and
160 institutions as the board may deem appropriate.

161 (2) The board shall authorize, but only from such funds
162 authorized and appropriated by the Legislature, the reimbursement
163 to each political subdivision and to state agencies of at least
164 fifty percent (50%) of the allowable salary and allowable tuition,
165 living and travel expense incurred by law enforcement officers in
166 attendance at approved training programs, provided said political
167 subdivisions and state agencies do in fact adhere to the selection
168 and training standards established by the board. The board shall
169 authorize, but only from such funds authorized and appropriated by
170 the Legislature, the direct funding of a part-time law enforcement



171 officer training program. The board shall require the payment of
172 a reasonable tuition fee to aid in funding the costs of
173 administering the part-time law enforcement officer training
174 program.

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

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

189 (5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer
190 Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the
191 expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance
192 at approved training programs as provided in Section 25-3-25.

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

