

By: Senator(s) Sparks

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2613

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE POLICE CHIEFS AND POLICE OFFICERS OF PUBLIC COLLEGES,  
3 UNIVERSITIES AND THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT TO  
4 RECEIVE CERTAIN CONTINUING EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 45-6-19. (1) The chief of police of any municipality,  
9 public college or university and the Pearl River Valley Water  
10 Supply District in the State of Mississippi is required to  
11 annually complete twenty (20) hours of executive level continuing  
12 education courses which are approved by the Mississippi Board on  
13 Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. Any new chief of  
14 police having never previously served in that capacity, is  
15 required to complete forty (40) hours of executive level  
16 continuing education courses for his first year of service. Such  
17 education courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement  
18 academy or by the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police.



19           (2) Any police officer of any municipality, public college  
20 or university and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District in  
21 the State of Mississippi is required to annually complete a  
22 specified number of hours, as stated in this subsection, of  
23 continuing education courses which are approved by the Mississippi  
24 Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. The  
25 following number of hours of continuing education courses is  
26 required for municipal, public college or university and the Pearl  
27 River Valley Water Supply District police officers based upon the  
28 number of years following July 1, 2004:

- 29           0-2 years after July 1, 2004 .....8 hours of annual training  
30           3-4 years after July 1, 2004 .....16 hours of annual training  
31           5 or more years after July 1, 2004..24 hours of annual training

32 Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law  
33 enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of  
34 Police.

35           (3) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers  
36 Standards and Training shall reimburse each municipality, public  
37 college or university and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply  
38 District for the expense incurred for chiefs of police and  
39 municipal, public college or university and the Pearl River Valley  
40 Water Supply District police officers in attendance at approved  
41 training programs as required by this section.

42           (4) Any chief of police or municipal, public college or  
43 university and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District police



44 officer who fails to comply with the provisions of this section  
45 shall be subject to having his certification as a chief of police  
46 or municipal police officer revoked by the Mississippi Board on  
47 Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training, in accordance  
48 with Section 45-6-11.

49 (5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers  
50 Standards and Training is authorized to institute and promulgate  
51 all rules necessary for considering the revocation of any  
52 municipal chief of police or municipal, public college or  
53 university and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District police  
54 officer who does not comply with the provisions of this section,  
55 and may grant, for sufficient cause shown, an extension of time in  
56 which compliance with the provisions of this section may be made.

57 (6) Any chief of police or municipal, public college or  
58 university and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District police  
59 officer who is aggrieved by any order or ruling made under the  
60 provisions of this section has the same rights and procedure of  
61 appeal as from any other order or ruling of the Mississippi Board  
62 on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training.

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

