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.

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