

1 HB452
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, each chief of police of
9 any municipality in this state is required to
10 annually complete 20 hours of executive level
11 continuing education courses and each law
12 enforcement officer is required to annually
13 complete 12 hours of continuing education courses.

14 This bill would require the executive level
15 continuing education courses for each chief of
16 police of any municipality to consist of two hours
17 of instruction on dealing with mentally ill
18 patients.

19 This bill would require the continuing
20 education courses for each law enforcement officer
21 to consist of one hour of instruction on dealing
22 with mentally ill patients.

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24 A BILL
25 TO BE ENTITLED
26 AN ACT
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1 To amend Section 36-21-51, Code of Alabama 1975,
2 relating to peace officers standards and training; to require
3 each chief of police of any municipality to annually complete
4 a specified number of hours of executive level continuing
5 education courses that consist of instruction on dealing with
6 mentally ill patients; and to require each law enforcement
7 officer to annually complete a specified number of hours of
8 continuing education courses that consist of instruction on
9 dealing with mentally ill patients.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Section 36-21-51, Code of Alabama 1975,
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 "§36-21-51.

14 "(a) Each chief of police of any municipality in
15 this state shall annually complete 20 hours of executive level
16 continuing education courses, two hours of which shall consist
17 of instruction on dealing with mentally ill patients, approved
18 by the commission. Any other law enforcement officer in this
19 state shall annually complete 12 hours of continuing education
20 courses, one hour of which shall consist of instruction on
21 dealing with mentally ill patients, approved by the
22 commission. Provided, however, in the case of a law
23 enforcement officer employed by a county sheriff's department,
24 the training shall be required only if the county commission
25 of the county in which the officer serves shall adopt a
26 resolution requiring such continuing education.

1 "(b) Any chief of police or law enforcement officer
2 who fails or refuses to comply with this section shall be
3 subject to having his or her certification or authority as a
4 law enforcement officer revoked by the commission.

5 "(c) The commission may, for sufficient cause, grant
6 an extension of time in which to complete the courses.

7 "(d) Any chief of police or law enforcement officer
8 who is aggrieved by any order or ruling made under this
9 section shall have the same rights and procedure of appeal as
10 from any other order or ruling of the commission."

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.