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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would establish a program at Marion
6 Military Institute that would confer a degree and
7 provide the necessary basic curriculum for individuals
8 to become certified law enforcement officers in the
9 State of Alabama.

10 This bill would require that the commission
11 grant individuals who graduate from the institute's
12 program provisional certification as Alabama law
13 enforcement officers, provided that the individual is
14 hired by an Alabama law enforcement agency within the
15 prescribed provisional time period.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT
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22 Relating to Marion Military Institute; to add Sections
23 16-60-340 and 36-21-46.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to
24 establish a program at Marion Military Institute that would
25 provide the necessary education and training for graduates to
26 become certified law enforcement officers in the State of
27 Alabama; and to require that the commission grant provisional
28 certification to graduates of the program.



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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 16-60-340 and 36-21-46.1 are added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§16-60-340

(a) The institute may establish a program that confers an associate's degree where a student may complete the basic training curriculum required for certification as a law enforcement officer through the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission.

(b) Pursuant to Section 36-21-46.1, students who graduate from the institute having completed the program shall be granted provisional certification as an Alabama law enforcement officer upon graduation. Once the graduate is hired or appointed as an officer with an Alabama law enforcement agency, he or she shall be certified as an Alabama law enforcement officer.

(c) For purposes of this program, the commission shall recognize the institute as an Alabama law enforcement training academy. Any student of the program is not required to be gainfully employed as a full-time law enforcement officer by a law enforcement agency while enrolled in the program.

(d) The institute shall work with the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission in implementing and administering the program. The commission shall adopt rules to implement and administer the program.

§36-21-46.1

(a) Notwithstanding Section 36-21-46, an individual who graduates from the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and



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Training certification program at Marion Military Institute established pursuant to Section 16-60-340 may be granted a Provisional Alabama Law Enforcement Officer Certification upon graduation.

(b) The provisional certification shall become a full certification if the individual is hired on a full-time basis as an officer of an Alabama law enforcement agency. The commission, by rule, shall establish a provisional certification period of at least six months, and if the individual is not hired by an Alabama law enforcement agency by the end of the provisional period, the provisional certification shall expire.

(c) An individual who completes the program and is hired by an Alabama law enforcement agency before the expiration of the provisional period shall not have to complete any further training to become fully certified. If an individual's provisional certification expires before the individual is hired by an Alabama law enforcement agency, the individual shall be required to complete the generally applicable course of training established by the commission.

(d) The commission shall adopt rules to implement and administer the provisional certification process.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1, 2026.