

1 HB653
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3 By Representative Rowe
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, chiefs of police of
9 municipalities are required to complete 20 hours of
10 continuing education annually, and other law
11 enforcement officers are required to complete 12
12 hours of continuing education annually, except
13 officers employed by a sheriff's department are
14 only required to complete annual continuing
15 education if the county commission requires the
16 training.

17 This bill would require a newly appointed
18 chief of police of a municipality to complete an
19 additional training course for newly appointed
20 chiefs of police.

21 This bill would also require law enforcement
22 officers employed by a sheriff's department to
23 complete 12 hours of continuing education annually,
24 without regard to the county commission.

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26 A BILL
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 Relating to law enforcement officers; to amend
4 Section 36-21-51, Code of Alabama 1975; to require a newly
5 appointed chief of police of a municipality to complete an
6 additional training course for newly appointed chiefs; and to
7 require all law enforcement officers, including those employed
8 by a sheriff's department, to complete 12 hours of continuing
9 education annually.

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 approved by the commission. In
17 addition to the foregoing, each chief of police of any
18 municipality in this state, within one year of appointment,
19 shall complete a course of training for newly appointed chiefs
20 of police, facilitated by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of
21 Police and approved by the commission. Any other law
22 enforcement officer in this state shall annually complete 12
23 hours of continuing education courses approved by the
24 commission. ~~Provided, however, in the case of a law~~
25 ~~enforcement officer employed by a county sheriff's department,~~
26 ~~the training shall be required only if the county commission~~

1 ~~of the county in which the officer serves shall adopt a~~
2 ~~resolution requiring such continuing education.~~

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

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

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

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