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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

## AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§36-21-51.

"(a) Each chief of police of any municipality in this state shall annually complete 20 hours of executive level continuing education courses approved by the commission. In addition to the foregoing, each chief of police of any municipality in this state, within one year of appointment, shall complete a course of training for newly appointed chiefs of police, facilitated by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police and approved by the commission. Any other law enforcement officer in this state shall annually complete 12 hours of continuing education courses approved by the commission. ~~Provided, however, in the case of a law enforcement officer employed by a county sheriff's department,~~ 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.