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3 By Representative Grimsley  
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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.