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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Marion Military Institute; to add Sections 16-60-340 and 36-21-46.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to establish a program at Marion Military Institute that would provide the necessary education and training for graduates to become certified law enforcement officers in the State of Alabama; and to require that the commission grant provisional certification to graduates of the program.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

32 §16-60-340

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

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

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

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

54 §36-21-46.1

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



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

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

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

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

79 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
80 2026.