1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/20/25	
2	95th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2025		HOUSE BILL 1769
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5	By: Representative Barnett		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS;		
10	TO REQUIRE A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OR ASSESSMENT		
11	TO BECOME OR BE EMPLOYED AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT		
12	OFFICER;	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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16	CONC	CERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	
17	STAN	NDARDS; AND TO REQUIRE A	
18	PSYC	CHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OR ASSESSMENT	
19	TO E	BECOME OR BE EMPLOYED AS A LAW	
20	ENFO	DRCEMENT OFFICER.	
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:
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24	SECTION 1. Ark	ansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Sub	ochapter l, is amended
25	to add an additional	section to read as follows:	
26	12-9-127. Psyc	hological evaluations or assessment	ĽS.
27	(a) The Arkans	as Commission on Law Enforcement St	candards and Training
28	shall require all ind	ividuals to be evaluated or assesse	ed by a licensed
29	psychiatrist or psych	ologist before employment with a la	aw enforcement agency.
30	(b) A law enfo	rcement officer employed by a law e	enforcement agency,
31	regardless of whether	employed full time, part time, or	on an auxiliary
32	basis, shall be evaluated or assessed every five (5) years by an individual		
33	licensed to practice psychiatry or psychology and qualified to perform a		
34	psychological evaluat	ion or assessment in this state.	
35	(c) A psycholo	gical evaluation or assessment unde	er this section may be
36	conducted in-person o	r through telemedicine.	

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1	(d) A law enforcement officer seeking employment with a new or		
2	different law enforcement agency shall not submit a psychological evaluation		
3	or assessment that is older than two (2) years to a law enforcement agency or		
4	the commission.		
5	(e) A law enforcement officer shall update his or her psychological		
6	evaluation or assessment every five (5) years with the commission to maintain		
7	law enforcement officer certification.		
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