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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1769

5 By: Representative Barnett  
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## 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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## Subtitle

15 CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
16 STANDARDS; AND TO REQUIRE A  
17 PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OR ASSESSMENT  
18 TO BECOME OR BE EMPLOYED AS A LAW  
19 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 12-9-127. Psychological evaluations or assessments.

27 (a) The Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training  
28 shall require all individuals to be evaluated or assessed by a licensed  
29 psychiatrist or psychologist before employment with a law enforcement agency.

30 (b) A law enforcement officer employed by a law 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 evaluation or assessment in this state.

35 (c) A psychological evaluation or assessment under this section may be  
36 conducted in-person or through telemedicine.



