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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT; TO REQUIRE A LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INVOLVED IN A DEADLY USE OF FORCE
11 INCIDENT TO BE PLACED ON TEMPORARY LEAVE AND ATTEND
12 THERAPY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO
16 REQUIRE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
17 INVOLVED IN A DEADLY USE OF FORCE
18 INCIDENT TO BE PLACED ON TEMPORARY LEAVE
19 AND ATTEND THERAPY.
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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 6, Subchapter 7, is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 12-6-703. Deadly use of force – Definitions.

27 (a) As used in this section:

28 (1) "Deadly use of force incident" means an incident in which a
29 law enforcement officer uses physical force that results in a person's death;
30 and

31 (2) "Law enforcement officer" mean a person vested by law with a
32 duty to maintain public order and to make arrests for offenses.

33 (b) After a deadly use of force incident, a law enforcement agency
34 shall:

35 (1) Immediately place on paid administrative leave for forty-
36 five (45) days a law enforcement officer whose use of physical force resulted



1 in the deadly use of force incident;

2 (2)(A) Provide mandatory professional in-person or virtual
3 mental health counseling or therapy by a licensed counselor, psychiatrist, or
4 psychologist to the law enforcement officer at no cost to the law enforcement
5 officer for a minimum of ninety (90) days.

6 (B) The minimum ninety-day-period as described in
7 subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall be extended for up to ninety (90)
8 days if additional mental health counseling or therapy sessions are
9 recommended by the licensed counselor, psychiatrist, or psychologist treating
10 the law enforcement officer; and

11 (3) Require documentation from the licensed counselor,
12 psychiatrist, or psychologist providing mental health counseling or therapy
13 stating that he or she recommends the law enforcement officer return to
14 normal active duty.

15 (c) To return to normal active duty, a law enforcement officer shall:

16 (1) Attend mental health counseling or therapy regularly during
17 the period of administrative leave; and

18 (2) Be cleared by a licensed counselor, psychiatrist, or
19 psychologist to return to normal active duty.

20 (d) This section does not apply to situations in which a law
21 enforcement officer is charged with a criminal offense as a result of the use
22 of deadly force incident.

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