

1 HB38
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3 By Representative Rowe
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, chiefs of police are
9 required to complete 20 hours of executive level
10 continuing education training annually.

11 This bill would require newly appointed
12 chiefs of police to complete an additional training
13 course within one year of appointment.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to law enforcement officers; to amend
20 Section 36-21-51, Code of Alabama 1975, to require a newly
21 appointed chief of police to complete an additional training
22 course for newly appointed chiefs.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 36-21-51, Code of Alabama 1975,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 "§36-21-51.

1 "(a) (1) Each chief of police ~~of any municipality~~ in
2 this state shall annually complete 20 hours of executive level
3 continuing education ~~courses~~ training as approved by the
4 commission.

5 "(2) In addition to the requirements in subdivision
6 (1), a chief of police of a governmental or quasi-governmental
7 law enforcement agency or the chief of police of a
8 municipality with a population of less than 100,000
9 inhabitants according to the most recent federal decennial
10 census, within one year of appointment, shall complete an
11 approved law enforcement executive management course, adopted
12 by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police and approved by
13 the commission.

14 "(b) Any other law enforcement officer in this state
15 shall annually complete 12 hours of continuing education
16 courses approved by the commission. Provided, however, in the
17 case of a law enforcement officer employed by a county
18 sheriff's department, the training shall be required only if
19 the county commission of the county in which the officer
20 serves shall adopt a resolution requiring such continuing
21 education.

22 "~~(b)~~ (c) Any chief of police or law enforcement
23 officer who fails or refuses to comply with this section shall
24 be subject to having his or her certification or authority as
25 a law enforcement officer revoked by the commission.

26 "~~(c)~~ (d) The commission may, for sufficient cause,
27 grant an extension of time in which to complete the courses.

1 "~~(d)~~ (e) Any chief of police or law enforcement
2 officer who is aggrieved by any order or ruling made under
3 this section shall have the same rights and procedure of
4 appeal as from any other order or ruling of the commission."

5 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
6 first day of the third month following its passage and
7 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.