

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS**  
**AND TRAINING COMMISSION**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Alabama law enforcement agencies  
**FROM:** Chief R. Alan Benefield, Executive Secretary, APOSTC  
**DATE:** November 11, 2011  
**REF:** Alabama Immigration Law (Act 2011-535) Required Training

On November 8, 2011, the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC) officially adopted the "**Alabama Law Enforcement's Role in Immigration, Act 2011-535**" training program for Alabama Law Enforcement Officers.

In the same action, the *Commission voted unanimously that this four (4) hour block of instruction is required continuing education training for all certified Alabama law enforcement officers who are employed and/or appointed.*

This training program is approved for four (4) hours of Continuing Education credit for all Law Enforcement Officers. It is also approved for four (4) hours of Executive Level Continuing Education credit for Chiefs of Police. This block of instruction is being included in the basic academy curriculum for recruit officer training.

All agencies are reminded that the Alabama Immigration law, Act 2011-535, is in litigation in State and Federal Court and is subject to future court rulings. All agencies are reminded to continuously monitor these Court proceedings for Rulings which may affect the status of this law. Questions concerning the status of these proceedings should be directed to your legal advisors. APOSTC will share with you any information we receive concerning this matter.