

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Criminal Justice Standards and  
 3           Training Commission; amending s. 943.12, F.S.;  
 4           requiring the commission to implement, administer,  
 5           maintain, and revise a basic abilities examination by  
 6           a specified date; requiring the commission to  
 7           establish specified procedures and standards; amending  
 8           s. 943.17, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes  
 9           made by the act; providing for a fee for the basic  
 10          abilities examination; providing for disbursement of  
 11          examination fees; providing effective dates.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15           Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 943.12,  
 16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17           943.12 Powers, duties, and functions of the commission.—  
 18 The commission shall:

19           (18) On or before July 1, 2018, implement, administer,  
 20 maintain, and revise a basic abilities examination for all  
 21 applicants for basic recruit training for law enforcement and  
 22 correctional officers. The commission shall, by rule, establish  
 23 procedures for the administration of the basic abilities  
 24 examination. The commission shall also establish standards for  
 25 acceptable performance on the examination.

26 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section  
 27 943.17, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added  
 28 to that subsection, to read:

29 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development  
 30 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The  
 31 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,  
 32 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related  
 33 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,  
 34 and career development training programs and courses. The rules  
 35 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess  
 36 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,  
 37 and instructor competency.

38 (1) The commission shall:

39 (g) Assure that entrance into the basic recruit training  
 40 program for law enforcement and correctional officers be limited  
 41 to those who have passed a basic abilities ~~skills~~ examination  
 42 ~~and assessment instrument~~, based on a job task analysis in each  
 43 discipline and adopted by the commission.

44 (h) Set a fee, not to exceed \$50, for the basic abilities  
 45 examination required under paragraph (g). The fee applies to one  
 46 scheduled examination attempt and is not refundable if the  
 47 applicant does not appear for the examination or does not  
 48 achieve an acceptable score on the examination. The commission  
 49 shall, by rule, provide for the disbursement of the fees  
 50 collected to support the development and administration of the

51 examination.

52 Section 3. Section 943.17(1)(h), Florida Statutes, as  
53 created by this act, shall take effect upon the implementation  
54 of the revised basic abilities examination on or before July 1,  
55 2018, as specified in s. 943.12(18), Florida Statutes, as  
56 created by this act.

57 Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
58 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2017.