

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 Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
5           Commission to implement, administer, maintain, and  
6           revise a basic abilities examination by a specified  
7           date; requiring the commission to establish specified  
8           procedures and standards; amending s. 943.17, F.S.;  
9           requiring the commission to set a fee for the basic  
10          abilities examination; requiring a nonrefundable fee  
11          for each examination attempt; requiring that  
12          examination fees be deposited in the Criminal Justice  
13          Standards and Training Trust Fund; providing a  
14          condition for when the examination fee takes effect;  
15          reenacting s. 943.173(3), F.S., relating to  
16          examinations, administration, and materials not being  
17          public records, to incorporate the amendment made to  
18          s. 943.17, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting  
19          and amending s. 943.25(2), F.S., relating to criminal  
20          justice trust funds; conforming a provision to changes  
21          made by the act; providing an effective date.

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23   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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25          Section 1.   Subsection (18) is added to section 943.12,

26 Florida Statutes, to read:

27 943.12 Powers, duties, and functions of the commission.—

28 The commission shall:

29 (18) On or before January 1, 2019, implement, administer,  
 30 maintain, and revise a basic abilities examination for all  
 31 applicants for basic recruit training in law enforcement and  
 32 corrections. The commission shall establish by rule procedures  
 33 for the administration of the basic abilities examination. The  
 34 commission shall also establish standards for acceptable  
 35 performance on the examination.

36 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section  
 37 943.17, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added  
 38 to that subsection, to read:

39 943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development  
 40 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.—The  
 41 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,  
 42 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related  
 43 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit, advanced,  
 44 and career development training programs and courses. The rules  
 45 shall include, but are not limited to, a methodology to assess  
 46 relevance of the subject matter to the job, student performance,  
 47 and instructor competency.

48 (1) The commission shall:

49 (g) Assure that entrance into the basic recruit training  
 50 program for law enforcement and correctional officers be limited

51 to those who have passed a basic abilities ~~skills~~ examination  
52 ~~and assessment instrument~~, based on a job task analysis in each  
53 discipline and adopted by the commission.

54 (h) Set a fee, not to exceed \$50, for the basic abilities  
55 examination. The fee applies to one scheduled examination  
56 attempt and is not refundable. Fees collected pursuant to this  
57 paragraph shall be deposited in the Criminal Justice Standards  
58 and Training Trust Fund.

59 Section 3. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of s. 943.17,  
60 Florida Statutes, as created by this act, shall take effect upon  
61 the implementation of the revised basic abilities examination on  
62 or before January 1, 2019, as specified in s. 943.12(18),  
63 Florida Statutes.

64 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
65 made by this act to section 943.17, Florida Statutes, in a  
66 reference thereto, subsection (3) of section 943.173, Florida  
67 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

68 943.173 Examinations; administration; materials not public  
69 records; disposal of materials.—

70 (3) All examinations, assessments, and instruments and the  
71 results of examinations, other than test scores on officer  
72 certification examinations, including developmental materials  
73 and workpapers directly related thereto, prepared, prescribed,  
74 or administered pursuant to ss. 943.13(9) or (10) and 943.17 are  
75 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I

76 | of the State Constitution. Provisions governing access to,  
77 | maintenance of, and destruction of relevant documents pursuant  
78 | to this section shall be prescribed by rules adopted by the  
79 | commission.

80 |       Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 943.25, Florida  
81 | Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

82 |       943.25 Criminal justice trust funds; source of funds; use  
83 | of funds.—

84 |       (2) There is created, within the Department of Law  
85 | Enforcement, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust  
86 | Fund for the purpose of providing for the payment of necessary  
87 | and proper expenses incurred by the operation of the commission  
88 | and the Criminal Justice Professionalism Program and providing  
89 | commission-approved criminal justice advanced and specialized  
90 | training and criminal justice training school enhancements and  
91 | of establishing the provisions of s. 943.17 and developing the  
92 | specific tests provided under s. 943.12 ~~943.12(9)~~. The program  
93 | shall administer the Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
94 | Trust Fund and shall report the status of the fund at each  
95 | regularly scheduled commission meeting.

96 |       Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.