

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 801 — Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Buchanan and others (CS/CS/SB 208 by Fiscal Policy Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senators Burgess and Perry)

This bill creates s. 943.17299, F.S., to establish a continued employment training component related to Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, in consultation with the Department of Elder Affairs, must establish an online training. Such training must include, but is not limited to instruction on interacting with persons with Alzheimer’s disease or a related form of dementia, including:

- Instruction on techniques for recognizing behavioral symptoms and characteristics;
- Effective communication;
- Employing the use of alternatives to physical restraints; and
- Identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Completion of the training component may count toward the 40 hours of instruction for continued employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional probation officer.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0