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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to law enforcement officers;
creating ss. 943.1721 and 943.1722, F.S.;
requiring basic skills training and continued
employment training for law enforcement
officers relating to elderly persons; providing
an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 943.1721, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

943.1721 Basic skills training relating to elderly
persons.--The commission shall establish standards for
instruction of law enforcement officers on the subject of the
special needs of elderly persons. Every basic skills course
required in order for law enforcement officers to obtain
initial certification shall, after January 1, 1999, include a
minimum of 16 hours of training in issues relating to elderly
persons, which shall include, but not be limited to, training
in the recognition of signs of abuse, neglect, and
exploitation in elderly persons, awareness of and
differentiation between illnesses and diseases common to
elderly persons, and appropriate responses to requests for
assistance from or involving elderly persons.

Section 2. Section 943.1722, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

943.1722 Continued employment training relating to
elderly persons.--The commission shall by rule require that
each officer receive, as part of the 40 hours of required
instruction for continued employment or appointment as a law

1 enforcement officer, 4 hours of instruction on the subject of
2 issues relating to elderly persons, which shall include, but
3 not be limited to, training in the recognition of signs of
4 abuse, neglect, and exploitation in elderly persons, awareness
5 of and differentiation between illnesses and diseases common
6 to elderly persons, and appropriate responses to requests for
7 assistance from or involving elderly persons.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1 of the
9 year in which enacted.

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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

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13 Requires the Criminal Justice Standards and Training
14 Commission to establish standards of instruction and
15 continued employment training for law enforcement
16 officers on the subject of the special needs of elderly
17 persons. Provides that every basic skills course required
18 in order for law enforcement officers to obtain initial
19 certification shall, after January 1, 1999, include a
20 minimum of 16 hours of training in issues relating to
21 elderly persons. Provides that the commission shall by
22 rule require that each officer receive, as part of the 40
23 hours of required instruction for continued employment or
24 appointment as a law enforcement officer, 4 hours of
25 instruction in the subject of issues relating to elderly
26 persons.
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