

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2                   An act relating to community redevelopment and  
3                   neighborhood improvement; amending s. 163.340,  
4                   F.S.; including the reduction or prevention of  
5                   crime within community redevelopment activities  
6                   under the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969  
7                   and defining "community policing innovation";  
8                   amending ss. 163.345, 163.350, 163.356,  
9                   163.358, 163.360, 163.361, 163.370, 163.380 and  
10                  163.387, F.S.; including the development and  
11                  implementation of community policing  
12                  innovations in provisions relating to the  
13                  encouragement of private enterprise  
14                  participation in redevelopment, elements of the  
15                  workable program, exercise of powers under the  
16                  act, and elements of the community  
17                  redevelopment plan; authorizing the county or  
18                  municipality to appropriate funds for community  
19                  policing innovations; authorizing use of moneys  
20                  in the redevelopment trust fund for community  
21                  policing innovations; providing an additional  
22                  requirement for acquisition of land for  
23                  nonresidential uses; subject to specified  
24                  conditions, authorizing a county, municipality,  
25                  or community redevelopment agency to acquire  
26                  and dispose of certain properties immediately  
27                  adjacent to existing projects without complying  
28                  with specified disposition procedures; amending  
29                  ss. 163.502, 163.503, 163.506, 163.511,  
30                  163.512, 163.513, 163.514, 163.516, 163.519,  
31                  and 163.521, F.S.; including crime prevention

1 through development and implementation of  
2 community policing innovations in powers of  
3 neighborhood improvement districts under the  
4 Safe Neighborhoods Act; authorizing use of  
5 special assessments for community policing  
6 innovations; including community policing  
7 innovations within safe neighborhood  
8 improvement plans; providing duties of the  
9 Department of Legal Affairs with respect to  
10 community policing innovations; including  
11 capital improvements related to community  
12 policing innovations in provisions which  
13 authorize certain local governments to request  
14 state funding for certain capital improvements;  
15 creating s. 943.1729, F.S.; authorizing the  
16 Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
17 Commission to incorporate community policing  
18 concepts into law enforcement officers'  
19 certification curriculum and establish a  
20 community policing continued-employment  
21 training component for such officers; providing  
22 an effective date.

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

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26 Section 1. Subsections (9) and (12) of section  
27 163.340, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (23) is  
28 added to said section, to read:

29 163.340 Definitions.--The following terms, wherever  
30 used or referred to in this part, have the following meanings:

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1           (9) "Community redevelopment" or "redevelopment" means  
2 undertakings, activities, or projects of a county,  
3 municipality, or community redevelopment agency in a community  
4 redevelopment area for the elimination and prevention of the  
5 development or spread of slums and blight, or for the  
6 reduction or prevention of crime, or for the provision of  
7 affordable housing, whether for rent or for sale, to residents  
8 of low or moderate income, including the elderly, and may  
9 include slum clearance and redevelopment in a community  
10 redevelopment area or rehabilitation or conservation in a  
11 community redevelopment area, or any combination or part  
12 thereof, in accordance with a community redevelopment plan and  
13 may include the preparation of such a plan.

14           (12) "Related activities" means:

15           (a) Planning work for the preparation of a general  
16 neighborhood redevelopment plan or for the preparation or  
17 completion of a communitywide plan or program pursuant to s.  
18 163.365.

19           (b) The functions related to the acquisition and  
20 disposal of real property pursuant to s. 163.370(3).

21           (c) The development of affordable housing for  
22 residents of the area.

23           (d) The development of community policing innovations.

24           (23) "Community policing innovation" means a policing  
25 technique or strategy designed to reduce crime by reducing  
26 opportunities for, and increasing the perceived risks of  
27 engaging in, criminal activity through visible presence of  
28 police in the community, including, but not limited to,  
29 community mobilization, neighborhood block watch, citizen  
30 patrol, citizen contact patrol, foot patrol, neighborhood  
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1 storefront police stations, field interrogation, or  
2 intensified motorized patrol.

3 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 163.345, Florida  
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 163.345 Encouragement of private enterprise.--

6 (1) Any county or municipality, to the greatest extent  
7 it determines to be feasible in carrying out the provisions of  
8 this part, shall afford maximum opportunity, consistent with  
9 the sound needs of the county or municipality as a whole, to  
10 the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the community  
11 redevelopment area by private enterprise. Any county or  
12 municipality shall give consideration to this objective in  
13 exercising its powers under this part, including the  
14 formulation of a workable program; the approval of community  
15 redevelopment plans, communitywide plans or programs for  
16 community redevelopment, and general neighborhood  
17 redevelopment plans (consistent with the general plan of the  
18 county or municipality); the development and implementation of  
19 community policing innovations;the exercise of its zoning  
20 powers; the enforcement of other laws, codes, and regulations  
21 relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of  
22 buildings and improvements; the development of affordable  
23 housing; the disposition of any property acquired; and the  
24 provision of necessary public improvements.

25 Section 3. Section 163.350, Florida Statutes, is  
26 amended to read:

27 163.350 Workable program.--Any county or municipality  
28 for the purposes of this part may formulate for the county or  
29 municipality a workable program for utilizing appropriate  
30 private and public resources to eliminate and prevent the  
31 development or spread of slums and urban blight, to encourage

1 needed community rehabilitation, to provide for the  
2 redevelopment of slum and blighted areas, to provide housing  
3 affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including  
4 the elderly, or to undertake such of the aforesaid activities  
5 or other feasible county or municipal activities as may be  
6 suitably employed to achieve the objectives of such workable  
7 program. Such workable program may include provision for the  
8 prevention of the spread of blight into areas of the county or  
9 municipality which are free from blight through diligent  
10 enforcement of housing, zoning, and occupancy controls and  
11 standards; the rehabilitation or conservation of slum and  
12 blighted areas or portions thereof by replanning, removing  
13 congestion, providing parks, playgrounds, and other public  
14 improvements, encouraging voluntary rehabilitation, and  
15 compelling the repair and rehabilitation of deteriorated or  
16 deteriorating structures; the development of affordable  
17 housing; the implementation of community policing innovations;  
18 and the clearance and redevelopment of slum and blighted areas  
19 or portions thereof.

20 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
21 163.356, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 163.356 Creation of community redevelopment agency.--  
23 (3)

24 (d) At any time after the creation of a community  
25 redevelopment agency, the governing body of the county or  
26 municipality may appropriate to the agency such amounts as the  
27 governing body deems necessary for the administrative expenses  
28 and overhead of the agency, including the development and  
29 implementation of community policing innovations.

30 Section 5. Subsection (5) is added to section 163.358,  
31 Florida Statutes, to read:

1           163.358 Exercise of powers in carrying out community  
2 redevelopment and related activities.--The community  
3 redevelopment powers assigned to a community redevelopment  
4 agency created under s. 163.356 include all the powers  
5 necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the  
6 purposes and provisions of this part, except the following,  
7 which continue to vest in the governing body of the county or  
8 municipality:

9           (5) The power to approve the development of community  
10 policing innovations.

11           Section 6. Subsections (3) through (9) of section  
12 163.360, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4)  
13 through (10), respectively, a new subsection (3) is added to  
14 said section, and subsection (4), paragraph (c) of subsection  
15 (6), and paragraph (b) of subsection (7) are amended, to read:

16           163.360 Community redevelopment plans.--

17           (3) The community redevelopment plan may provide for  
18 the development and implementation of community policing  
19 innovations.

20           ~~(5)(4)~~ The community redevelopment agency shall submit  
21 any community redevelopment plan it recommends for approval,  
22 together with its written recommendations, to the governing  
23 body and to each taxing authority that levies ad valorem taxes  
24 on taxable real property contained within the geographic  
25 boundaries of the redevelopment area. The governing body  
26 shall then proceed with the hearing on the proposed community  
27 redevelopment plan as prescribed by subsection ~~(6)(5)~~.

28           ~~(7)(6)~~ Following such hearing, the governing body may  
29 approve the community redevelopment and the plan therefor if  
30 it finds that:

1 (c) The community redevelopment plan gives due  
2 consideration to the utilization of community policing  
3 innovations, and to the provision of adequate park and  
4 recreational areas and facilities that may be desirable for  
5 neighborhood improvement, with special consideration for the  
6 health, safety, and welfare of children residing in the  
7 general vicinity of the site covered by the plans; and

8 (8)~~(7)~~ If the community redevelopment area consists of  
9 an area of open land to be acquired by the county or the  
10 municipality, such area may not be so acquired unless:

11 (b) In the event the area is to be developed in whole  
12 or in part for nonresidential uses, the governing body  
13 determines that:

14 1. Such nonresidential uses are necessary and  
15 appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of  
16 the community in accordance with sound planning standards and  
17 local community objectives. ~~and~~

18 2. Acquisition may require the exercise of  
19 governmental action, as provided in this part, because of:

20 a. Defective, or unusual conditions of, title or  
21 diversity of ownership which prevents the free alienability of  
22 such land;

23 b. Tax delinquency;

24 c. Improper subdivisions;

25 d. Outmoded street patterns;

26 e. Deterioration of site;

27 f. Economic disuse;

28 g. Unsuitable topography or faulty lot layouts;

29 h. Lack of correlation of the area with other areas of  
30 a county or municipality by streets and modern traffic  
31 requirements; or

1 i. Any combination of such factors or other conditions  
2 which retard development of the area.

3 3. Conditions of blight in the area contribute to an  
4 increase in and spread of disease and crime or constitute a  
5 menace to public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

6 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 163.361, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 163.361 Modification of community redevelopment  
9 plans.--

10 (1) If at any time after the approval of a community  
11 redevelopment plan by the governing body it becomes necessary  
12 or desirable to amend or modify such plan, the governing body  
13 may amend such plan upon the recommendation of the agency. The  
14 agency recommendation to amend or modify a redevelopment plan  
15 may include a change in the boundaries of the redevelopment  
16 area to add land to or exclude land from the redevelopment  
17 area, or may include the development and implementation of  
18 community policing innovations.

19 Section 8. Paragraph (p) is added to subsection (1) of  
20 section 163.370, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (a) of  
21 subsection (2) of said section is amended, to read:

22 163.370 Powers; counties and municipalities; community  
23 redevelopment agencies.--

24 (1) Every county and municipality shall have all the  
25 powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the  
26 purposes and provisions of this part, including the following  
27 powers in addition to others herein granted:

28 (p) To develop and implement community policing  
29 innovations.

30 (2) The following projects may not be paid for or  
31 financed by increment revenues:



1 (a) Construction or expansion of administrative  
2 buildings for public bodies or police and fire buildings,  
3 unless each taxing authority agrees to such method of  
4 financing for the construction or expansion, or unless the  
5 construction or expansion is contemplated as part of a  
6 community policing innovation.

7 Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 163.380, Florida  
8 Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

9 163.380 Disposal of property in community  
10 redevelopment area.--

11 (3)(a) Prior to disposition of any real property or  
12 interest therein in a community redevelopment area, any  
13 county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall  
14 give public notice of such disposition by publication in a  
15 newspaper having a general circulation in the community, at  
16 least 30 days prior to the execution of any contract to sell,  
17 lease, or otherwise transfer real property and, prior to the  
18 delivery of any instrument of conveyance with respect thereto  
19 under the provisions of this section, invite proposals from,  
20 and make all pertinent information available to, private  
21 redevelopers or any persons interested in undertaking to  
22 redevelop or rehabilitate a community redevelopment area or  
23 any part thereof. Such notice shall identify the area or  
24 portion thereof and shall state that proposals must be made by  
25 those interested within 30 days after the date of publication  
26 of the notice and that such further information as is  
27 available may be obtained at such office as is designated in  
28 the notice. The county, municipality, or community  
29 redevelopment agency shall consider all such redevelopment or  
30 rehabilitation proposals and the financial and legal ability  
31 of the persons making such proposals to carry them out; and

1 the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency  
 2 may negotiate with any persons for proposals for the purchase,  
 3 lease, or other transfer of any real property acquired by it  
 4 in the community redevelopment area. The county,  
 5 municipality, or community redevelopment agency may accept  
 6 such proposal as it deems to be in the public interest and in  
 7 furtherance of the purposes of this part. Except in the case  
 8 of a governing body acting as the agency, as provided in s.  
 9 163.357, a notification of intention to accept such proposal  
 10 must be filed with the governing body not less than 30 days  
 11 prior to any such acceptance. Thereafter, the county,  
 12 municipality, or community redevelopment agency may execute  
 13 such contract in accordance with the provisions of subsection  
 14 (1) and deliver deeds, leases, and other instruments and take  
 15 all steps necessary to effectuate such contract.

16 (b) Any county, municipality, or community  
 17 redevelopment agency that, pursuant to the provisions of this  
 18 section, has disposed of a real property project with a land  
 19 area in excess of twenty acres may acquire an expanded area  
 20 that is immediately adjacent to the original project and less  
 21 than 35 percent of the land area of the original project, by  
 22 purchase or eminent domain as provided in this chapter, and  
 23 negotiate a disposition of such expanded area directly with  
 24 the person who acquired the original project without complying  
 25 with the disposition procedures established in paragraph (a),  
 26 provided the county, municipality, or community redevelopment  
 27 agency adopts a resolution making the following findings:

- 28 1. it is in the public interest to expand such real  
 29 property project to an immediately adjacent area;
- 30 2. the expanded area is less than 35 percent of the  
 31 land area of the original project;

1           3. the expanded area is entirely within the boundary  
2 of the community redevelopment area.

3           Section 10. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (6)  
4 of section 163.387, Florida Statutes, to read:

5           163.387 Redevelopment trust fund.--

6           (6) Moneys in the redevelopment trust fund may be  
7 expended from time to time for the following purposes, when  
8 directly related to financing or refinancing of redevelopment  
9 in a community redevelopment area pursuant to an approved  
10 community redevelopment plan:

11           (h) The development of community policing innovations.

12           Section 11. Subsection (4) of section 163.502, Florida  
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14           163.502 Safe neighborhoods; legislative findings and  
15 purpose.--

16           (4) It is the intent of the Legislature to assist  
17 local governments in implementing plans that employ crime  
18 prevention through community policing innovations,  
19 environmental design, environmental security, and defensible  
20 space techniques to establish safe neighborhoods. The  
21 Legislature, therefore, declares that the development,  
22 redevelopment, preservation, and revitalization of  
23 neighborhoods in this state, and all the purposes of this  
24 part, are public purposes for which public money may be  
25 borrowed, expended, loaned, and granted.

26           Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 163.503, Florida  
27 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (9) is added to said  
28 section, to read:

29           163.503 Safe neighborhoods; definitions.--

30           (1) "Safe neighborhood improvement district,"  
31 "district," or "neighborhood improvement district" means a

1 district located in an area in which more than 75 percent of  
2 the land is used for residential purposes, or in an area in  
3 which more than 75 percent of the land is used for commercial,  
4 office, business, or industrial purposes, excluding the land  
5 area used for public facilities, and where there is a plan to  
6 reduce crime through the implementation of crime prevention  
7 through environmental design, environmental security, or  
8 defensible space techniques, or through community policing  
9 innovations. Nothing in this section shall preclude the  
10 inclusion of public land in a neighborhood improvement  
11 district although the amount of land used for public  
12 facilities is excluded from the land use acreage calculations.

13 (9) "Community policing innovation" means techniques  
14 or strategies as defined by s. 163.340.

15 Section 13. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
16 163.506, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 163.506 Local government neighborhood improvement  
18 districts; creation; advisory council; dissolution.--

19 (1) After a local planning ordinance has been adopted  
20 authorizing the creation of local government neighborhood  
21 improvement districts, the local governing body of a  
22 municipality or county may create local government  
23 neighborhood improvement districts by the enactment of a  
24 separate ordinance for each district, which ordinance:

25 (d) Authorizes the use of special assessments to  
26 support planning and implementation of district improvements  
27 pursuant to the provisions of s. 163.514(16), including  
28 community policing innovations.

29 Section 14. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
30 163.511, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended, and  
31 paragraph (j) is added to said subsection, to read:

1           163.511 Special neighborhood improvement districts;  
2 creation; referendum; board of directors; duration;  
3 extension.--

4           (1) After a local planning ordinance has been adopted  
5 authorizing the creation of special neighborhood improvement  
6 districts, the governing body of a municipality or county may  
7 declare the need for and create special residential or  
8 business neighborhood improvement districts by the enactment  
9 of a separate ordinance for each district, which ordinance:

10           (c) Authorizes the use of special assessments to  
11 support planning and implementation of district improvements  
12 pursuant to the provisions of s. 163.514(16), including  
13 community policing innovations.

14           (j) May authorize a special neighborhood improvement  
15 district to develop and implement community policing  
16 innovations in consultation with the local law enforcement  
17 agency having jurisdiction within the district boundaries.

18           Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
19 163.512, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20           163.512 Community redevelopment neighborhood  
21 improvement districts; creation; advisory council;  
22 dissolution.--

23           (1) Upon the recommendation of the community  
24 redevelopment agency and after a local planning ordinance has  
25 been adopted authorizing the creation of community  
26 redevelopment neighborhood improvement districts, the local  
27 governing body of a municipality or county may create  
28 community redevelopment neighborhood improvement districts by  
29 the enactment of a separate ordinance for each district, which  
30 ordinance:  
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1 (c) Authorizes the use of the community redevelopment  
2 trust fund created pursuant to s. 163.387 for the purposes of  
3 implementing the safe neighborhood improvement plan and  
4 furthering crime prevention through community policing  
5 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and  
6 defensible space techniques, if expenditures from the  
7 community redevelopment trust fund are consistent with the  
8 community redevelopment plan created pursuant to s. 163.360.

9 Section 16. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section  
10 163.513, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11 163.513 Crime prevention through community policing  
12 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and  
13 defensible space functions of neighborhood improvement  
14 districts.--All boards of local governments, property owners'  
15 associations, special neighborhood improvement districts, and  
16 community redevelopment neighborhood improvement districts  
17 created pursuant to this part shall:

18 (3) Determine, from surveys and other data collection  
19 techniques, areas within the district where modification or  
20 closing of, or restriction of access to, certain streets in a  
21 manner consistent with crime prevention through community  
22 policing innovations, environmental design, environmental  
23 security, and defensible space principles would assist crime  
24 prevention and enhance neighborhood security for property  
25 owners and residents.

26 (4) Formulate and maintain on a current basis for each  
27 district short-range and long-range projects and plans which  
28 the crime-to-environment analysis, including surveys and  
29 citizen participation, has determined are applicable and  
30 utilize crime prevention through community policing  
31 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and

1 defensible space strategies and tactics which will improve the  
2 attractiveness and security of the district by reducing  
3 criminal activity, will stabilize neighborhoods and enhance  
4 property values within the district, will promote proper use  
5 and informal control of residential streets within the  
6 district, will improve public facilities and amenities and  
7 provide for territorial control of streets and areas within  
8 the district by legitimate users, and will increase the  
9 probability that persons who commit crimes in the district  
10 will be apprehended.

11 (5) Prepare and initiate actions deemed most suitable  
12 for implementing safe neighborhood improvement plans,  
13 including modifications to existing street patterns and  
14 removal, razing, renovation, reconstruction, remodeling,  
15 relocation, and improvement of existing structures and  
16 facilities, and addition of new structures and facilities, and  
17 coordination with other agencies providing relevant  
18 informational, educational, and crime prevention services.  
19 The preparation of actions for implementation shall utilize  
20 crime prevention through community policing innovations,  
21 environmental design, environmental security, and defensible  
22 space strategies and tactics.

23 Section 17. Subsections (7) and (12) of section  
24 163.514, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

25 163.514 Powers of neighborhood improvement  
26 districts.--Unless prohibited by ordinance, the board of any  
27 district shall be empowered to:

28 (7) Contract for services of planning consultants,  
29 experts on crime prevention through community policing  
30 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, or  
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1 defensible space, or other experts in areas pertaining to the  
2 operations of the board of directors or the district.

3 (12) Undertake innovative approaches to securing  
4 neighborhoods from crime, such as crime prevention through  
5 community policing innovations, environmental design,  
6 environmental security, and defensible space.

7 Section 18. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section  
8 163.516, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 163.516 Safe neighborhood improvement plans.--

10 (1) A safe neighborhood improvement plan is mandated  
11 for all neighborhood improvement districts. The plan shall  
12 contain at least the following elements:

13 (f) Assessment of crime prevention through community  
14 policing innovations, environmental design, environmental  
15 security, and defensible space strategies and tactics that  
16 will be applied to the crime-to-environment relationship  
17 problems.

18 Section 19. Subsections (8) and (9) and paragraphs (a)  
19 and (b) of subsection (11) of section 163.519, Florida  
20 Statutes, are amended to read:

21 163.519 Duties of Department of Legal Affairs.--The  
22 Department of Legal Affairs shall:

23 (8) Act as the repository of crime prevention through  
24 community policing innovations; environmental design  
25 strategies, principles, and tactics; environmental security  
26 plans and procedures; defensible space techniques; and safe  
27 neighborhood improvement plans.

28 (9) Utilize staff to provide crime prevention through  
29 community policing innovations, environmental design,  
30 environmental security, and defensible space training.

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1 (11) Review and approve or disapprove safe  
2 neighborhood improvement plans prior to the adoption by the  
3 local governing body of any safe neighborhood improvement plan  
4 created pursuant to s. 163.516. Plans shall be submitted to  
5 the department for review and approval or disapproval. All  
6 such reviews shall:

7 (a) Ensure that appropriate plan elements are based on  
8 crime prevention through community policing innovations,  
9 environmental design, environmental security, or defensible  
10 space.

11 (b) Ensure that appropriate plan elements are  
12 consistent with crime prevention through community policing  
13 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and  
14 defensible space functions of neighborhood improvement  
15 districts as listed in s. 163.513.

16 Section 20. Section 163.521, Florida Statutes, is  
17 amended to read:

18 163.521 Neighborhood improvement district inside  
19 enterprise zone; funding.--The local governing body of any  
20 municipality or county in which the boundaries of an  
21 enterprise zone include a neighborhood improvement district in  
22 whole or in part, prior to October 1 of each year, may request  
23 the Department of Legal Affairs to submit within its budget  
24 request to the Legislature provisions to fund capital  
25 improvements. A request may be made for 100 percent of the  
26 capital improvement costs for 25 percent of the area of the  
27 enterprise zone which overlaps the district. The local  
28 governing body may also request a 100-percent matching grant  
29 for capital improvement costs for the remaining 75 percent of  
30 the area of the enterprise zone which overlaps the district.  
31 Local governments must demonstrate the capacity to implement

1 the project within 2 years after the date of the  
 2 appropriation. Funds appropriated under this provision may  
 3 not be expended until after completion and approval of the  
 4 safe neighborhood improvement plan pursuant to ss. 163.516 and  
 5 163.519(11). Capital improvements contained within the  
 6 request submitted by the local governing body must be  
 7 specifically related to crime prevention through community  
 8 policing innovations, environmental design, environmental  
 9 security, and defensible space and must be reviewed by the  
 10 department for compliance with the principles of crime  
 11 prevention through community policing innovations,  
 12 environmental design, environmental security, and defensible  
 13 space. The department shall rank order all requests received  
 14 for capital improvements funding based on the necessity of the  
 15 improvements to the overall implementation of the safe  
 16 neighborhood plan; the degree to which the improvements help  
 17 the plan achieve crime prevention through community policing  
 18 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and  
 19 defensible space objectives; the effect of the improvements on  
 20 residents of low or moderate income; and the fiscal inability  
 21 of local government to perform the improvements without state  
 22 assistance.

23 Section 21. Section 943.1729, Florida Statutes, is  
 24 created to read:

25 943.1729 Skills training relating to community  
 26 policing.--

27 (1) DEFINITION.--As used in this section, "community  
 28 policing" means a policing technique or strategy as defined in  
 29 s. 163.340.

30 (2) BASIC SKILLS COURSE.--The Criminal Justice  
 31 Standards and Training Commission may incorporate community

1 policing concepts into the course curriculum required in order  
2 for law enforcement officers to obtain initial certification.

3 (3) CONTINUING TRAINING.--The commission may establish  
4 a continued-employment training component related to community  
5 policing techniques before January 1, 1998. Completion of the  
6 training component shall count toward the 40 hours of required  
7 instruction for continued employment or appointment as a law  
8 enforcement officer.

9 Section 22. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
10 law.

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