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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to training requirements for
3 emergency medical technicians, paramedics,
4 firefighters, law enforcement officers,
5 correctional officers, and correctional
6 probation officers; amending ss. 401.2715,
7 633.35, and 943.13, F.S.; authorizing the
8 substitution of a specified number of hours of
9 qualifying terrorism response training for a
10 like number of hours of training required for
11 certification; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section
16 401.2715, Florida Statutes, to read:
17 401.2715 Recertification training of emergency medical
18 technicians and paramedics.--

19 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
20 rule, 12 hours of qualifying terrorism response training may
21 be substituted for a like number of hours of training in other
22 areas.

23 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 633.35, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25 633.35 Firefighter training and certification.--
26 (1) The division shall establish a firefighter
27 training program of not less than 360 hours, administered by
28 such agencies and institutions as it approves for the purpose
29 of providing basic employment training for firefighters.
30 Twelve hours of qualifying terrorism response training may be
31 substituted for a like number of hours of training related to

1 hazardous materials. Nothing herein shall require a public
2 employer to pay the cost of such training.

3 Section 3. Subsection (9) of section 943.13, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 943.13 Officers' minimum qualifications for employment
6 or appointment.--On or after October 1, 1984, any person
7 employed or appointed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary
8 law enforcement officer or correctional officer; on or after
9 October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time,
10 part-time, or auxiliary correctional probation officer; and on
11 or after October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time,
12 part-time, or auxiliary correctional officer by a private
13 entity under contract to the Department of Corrections, to a
14 county commission, or to the Correctional Privatization
15 Commission shall:

16 (9) Complete a commission-approved basic recruit
17 training program for the applicable criminal justice
18 discipline, unless exempt under this subsection. An applicant
19 who has:

20 (a) Completed a comparable basic recruit training
21 program for the applicable criminal justice discipline in
22 another state or for the Federal Government; and

23 (b) Served as a full-time sworn officer in another
24 state or for the Federal Government for at least one year

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26 is exempt in accordance with s. 943.131(2) from completing the
27 commission-approved basic recruit training program.

28 (c) Twelve hours of qualifying terrorism response
29 training may be substituted for a like number of hours of
30 basic recruit training required under this subsection.

31 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Authorizes the substitution of 12 hours of qualifying terrorism response training for a like number of hours of training required for certification of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, correctional probation officers, and correctional officers employed by a private entity under contract to the Department of Corrections, to a county commission, or to the Correctional Privatization Commission.