

By Representative Evers

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to criminal justice standards  
3           and training; amending s. 943.12, F.S.;  
4           requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and  
5           Training Commission to conduct inquiries of  
6           criminal justice training instructors; amending  
7           s. 943.13, F.S.; authorizing physician  
8           assistants to examine law enforcement officers  
9           as a condition of employment; amending s.  
10          943.131, F.S.; revising provisions relating to  
11          minimum basic training for temporary employees  
12          and officers; amending s. 943.135, F.S.;  
13          deleting requirement to provide a remediation  
14          program for certain officers; amending s.  
15          943.1395, F.S.; clarifying authority of  
16          agencies to employ officers certified in  
17          multiple disciplines; amending s. 943.14, F.S.;  
18          revising provisions relating to  
19          commission-certified criminal justice training  
20          schools; authorizing employing agencies to  
21          submit information regarding fingerprints and  
22          criminal history checks; amending s. 943.17,  
23          F.S.; revising provisions relating to basic  
24          recruit, advanced, and career development  
25          programs; providing for a specialized training  
26          program; amending s. 943.173, F.S.; removing  
27          requirement that certain examinations be  
28          adopted by the commission; amending s. 943.175,  
29          F.S.; removing provisions relating to  
30          specialized training programs; amending s.  
31          943.22, F.S.; clarifying authority for

1 accreditation; amending s. 943.25, F.S.;

2 prohibiting the assessment of costs for

3 advanced and specialized training under certain

4 circumstances; conforming a cross reference;

5 amending s. 316.640, F.S.; revising provisions

6 relating to required instruction for certain

7 traffic officers; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsections (10) through (18) of section

12 943.12, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9)

13 through (17), respectively, and subsections (1), (7), and (9)

14 of said section are amended to read:

15 943.12 Powers, duties, and functions of the

16 commission.--The commission shall:

17 (1) Adopt ~~Promulgate~~ rules for the administration of

18 ss. 943.085-943.255 pursuant to chapter 120.

19 (7) Conduct official inquiries or require ~~Authorize~~

20 ~~the issuance of certificates for~~ criminal justice training

21 schools to conduct official inquiries of criminal justice

22 training instructors who are certified by the commission.

23 ~~(9) Authorize the issuance of certificates for~~

24 ~~instructors.~~

25 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 943.13, Florida

26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 943.13 Officers' minimum qualifications for employment

28 or appointment.--On or after October 1, 1984, any person

29 employed or appointed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary

30 law enforcement officer or correctional officer; on or after

31 October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time,

1 part-time, or auxiliary correctional probation officer; and on  
2 or after October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time,  
3 part-time, or auxiliary correctional officer by a private  
4 entity under contract to the Department of Corrections, to a  
5 county commission, or to the Correctional Privatization  
6 Commission shall:

7 (6) Have passed a physical examination by a licensed  
8 physician or physician assistant, based on specifications  
9 established by the commission.

10 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and  
11 subsection (2) of section 943.131, Florida Statutes, are  
12 amended to read:

13 943.131 Temporary employment or appointment; minimum  
14 basic recruit training exemption.--

15 (1)

16 (b) In no case may the person be temporarily employed  
17 or appointed for more than 180 consecutive days, and such  
18 temporary employment or appointment is not renewable by the  
19 employing agency or transferable to another employing agency.  
20 However, a person who is temporarily employed or appointed and  
21 is attending the first training program offered in the  
22 geographic area, or has been assigned to a state training  
23 program, may continue to be temporarily employed or appointed  
24 until the person:

25 1. Successfully completes the basic recruit training  
26 program and achieves an acceptable score on the officer  
27 certification examination;

28 2. Fails or withdraws from a ~~any course of the~~ basic  
29 recruit training program;

30 3. Fails to achieve an acceptable score on the officer  
31 certification examination within 180 consecutive days after

1 the successful completion of the basic recruit training  
2 program; or  
3 4. Is separated from employment or appointment by the  
4 employing agency.  
5 (2) If an applicant seeks an exemption from completing  
6 a commission-approved basic recruit training program, the  
7 employing agency must verify that the applicant has  
8 successfully completed a comparable basic recruit training  
9 program for the discipline in which the applicant is seeking  
10 certification in another state or for the Federal Government.  
11 Further, the employing agency must verify that the applicant  
12 has served as a full-time sworn officer in another state or  
13 for the Federal Government for at least one year. When the  
14 employing agency obtains written documentation regarding the  
15 applicant's criminal justice experience, the documentation  
16 must be submitted to the commission. The commission shall  
17 adopt rules that establish criteria and procedures to  
18 determine if the applicant is exempt from completing the  
19 commission-approved basic recruit training program and, upon  
20 making a determination, shall notify the employing agency. An  
21 ~~if the~~ applicant who is exempt from completing the  
22 commission-approved basic recruit training program must  
23 demonstrate proficiency in the high-liability areas, as  
24 defined by commission rule, and must complete the requirements  
25 of s. 943.13(10) within 180 days after receiving an exemption.  
26 If the proficiencies and requirements of s. 943.13(10) are not  
27 met within the 180 days, the applicant must complete a  
28 commission-approved basic recruit training program, as  
29 ~~required by the commission by rule, in areas which include,~~  
30 ~~but are not limited to, defensive driving, defensive tactics,~~  
31 ~~firearms training, and first responder training.~~ Except as

1 provided in subsection (1), before the employing agency may  
2 employ or appoint the applicant as an officer, the applicant  
3 must meet the minimum qualifications described in s.  
4 943.13(1)-(8), and must fulfill the requirements of s.  
5 943.13(10).

6 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 943.135, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 943.135 Requirements for continued employment.--

9 (1) The commission shall, by rule, adopt a program  
10 that requires all officers, as a condition of continued  
11 employment or appointment as officers, to receive periodic  
12 commission-approved continuing training or education. Such  
13 continuing training or education shall be required at the rate  
14 of 40 hours every 4 years. No officer shall be denied a  
15 reasonable opportunity by the employing agency to comply with  
16 this section. The employing agency must document that the  
17 continuing training or education is job-related and consistent  
18 with the needs of the employing agency. The employing agency  
19 must maintain and submit, or electronically transmit, the  
20 documentation to the commission, in a format approved by the  
21 commission. The rule shall also provide:

22 (a) Assistance to an employing agency in identifying  
23 each affected officer, the date of his or her employment or  
24 appointment, and his or her most recent date for successful  
25 completion of continuing training or education; and

26 (b) A procedure for reactivation of the certification  
27 of an officer who is not in compliance with this section. and

28 ~~(c) A remediation program supervised by the training~~  
29 ~~center director within the geographic area for any officer who~~  
30 ~~is attempting to comply with the provisions of this subsection~~  
31 ~~and in whom learning disabilities are identified. The officer~~

1 ~~shall be assigned nonofficer duties, without loss of employee~~  
2 ~~benefits, and the program shall not exceed 90 days.~~

3 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 943.1395, Florida  
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 943.1395 Certification for employment or appointment;  
6 concurrent certification; reemployment or reappointment;  
7 inactive status; revocation; suspension; investigation.--

8 (2) An officer who is certified in one discipline and  
9 who complies with s. 943.13 in another discipline shall hold  
10 concurrent certification and may be assigned in either  
11 discipline within his or her employing agency. However, the  
12 officer may be registered and hold concurrent certification  
13 only if the employing agency has the authority to employ  
14 officers who are certified in more than one discipline.

15 Section 6. Section 943.14, Florida Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:

17 943.14 Commission-certified criminal justice training  
18 schools; certificates and diplomas; exemptions; injunctive  
19 relief; fines.--

20 (1) Each criminal justice training school approved by  
21 the commission shall obtain from the commission a certificate  
22 of compliance, with rules of the commission, signed by the  
23 chair of the commission. ~~Any training or educational courses~~  
24 ~~which are taught in any criminal justice training school must~~  
25 ~~first be approved in writing by the commission.~~

26 (2) Any certificate or diploma issued by any criminal  
27 justice training school which relates to completion,  
28 graduation, or attendance in criminal justice training or  
29 educational subjects, or related matters, must be approved by  
30 the commission staff in the department's Criminal Justice  
31 Professionalism Program.

1           (3) The commission shall establish, by rule,  
2 procedures for the certification and discipline of all  
3 instructors in any criminal justice training school.

4           (4) Prior to the issuance of a certificate of  
5 compliance, or as a condition of continuing certification, all  
6 records of any criminal justice training school that relate to  
7 training and all financial and personnel records of the school  
8 shall be made available to the commission upon request.

9           (5) No private criminal justice training school may  
10 include within its name the word "commission," "bureau," or  
11 "division" together with the word "Florida" or "state," the  
12 name of any county or municipality, or any misleading  
13 derivative thereof which might be construed to represent a  
14 government agency or an entity authorized by a government  
15 agency.

16           ~~(6) Criminal justice training schools and courses~~  
17 ~~which are licensed and operated in accordance with the rules~~  
18 ~~of the State Board of Education and the rules of the~~  
19 ~~commission are exempt from the requirements of subsections~~  
20 ~~(1)-(5). However, any school which instructs approved~~  
21 ~~commission courses must meet the requirements of subsections~~  
22 ~~(1)-(5).~~

23           (6)(7)(a) Commission-approved correctional probation  
24 courses and subjects which are taught by Florida 4-year  
25 accredited colleges and universities are exempt from  
26 subsections (1)-(5) except for such documentation which may be  
27 required by the commission. The commission retains control  
28 over the content of courses and subjects covered by this  
29 subsection as specified in s. 943.17(1)(a). Florida 4-year  
30 accredited colleges and universities must obtain approval from  
31 the commission prior to offering correctional probation

1 courses. Florida 4-year accredited colleges and universities  
2 offering the Correctional Probation Training Program shall  
3 teach the learning objectives specified by the commission. The  
4 administration of the commission's Correctional Probation  
5 Training Program within a Florida 4-year accredited college or  
6 university shall fall within the institution's established  
7 guidelines for course delivery and student attendance. The  
8 Florida 4-year accredited college or university shall provide  
9 to the commission and to the student proof of successful  
10 completion of all the approved objectives required by the  
11 commission for the academic courses approved for the  
12 Correctional Probation Training Program. The  
13 commission-certified training school administering the  
14 commission-required correctional probation high-liability  
15 training shall provide to the commission and to the student  
16 proof of successful completion of all approved objectives.

17 (b) All other criminal justice sciences or  
18 administration courses or subjects which are a part of the  
19 curriculum of any accredited college, university, community  
20 college, or vocational-technical center of this state, and all  
21 full-time instructors of such institutions, are exempt from  
22 the provisions of subsections (1)-(5).

23 (7)~~(8)~~ Each criminal justice training school that  
24 offers law enforcement, correctional, or correctional  
25 probation officer basic recruit training, or selection center  
26 that provides applicant screening for criminal justice  
27 training schools, shall conduct a criminal history background  
28 check of an applicant prior to entrance into the basic recruit  
29 class. A complete set of fingerprints must be taken by an  
30 authorized criminal justice agency or by an employee of the  
31 criminal justice training school or selection center who is



1 trained to take fingerprints. If the employing agency has  
2 previously taken a set of fingerprints from the applicant and  
3 has obtained a criminal history check of the applicant using  
4 the fingerprints, the requirements of this subsection shall be  
5 met when the employing agency submits to the criminal justice  
6 training school or selection center a letter stating the date  
7 on which the agency took the fingerprints of the applicant, a  
8 summary of the criminal history check based on the  
9 fingerprints, and a certification that the applicant is  
10 qualified to enroll in the basic recruit training program  
11 pursuant to s. 943.13. If the criminal justice training school  
12 or selection center takes the fingerprints, it shall submit  
13 the fingerprints to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
14 for a statewide criminal history check, and forward the  
15 fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a  
16 national criminal history check. Applicants found through  
17 fingerprint processing to have pled guilty to or been  
18 convicted of a crime which would render the applicant unable  
19 to meet the minimum qualifications for employment as an  
20 officer as specified in s. 943.13(4) shall be removed from the  
21 pool of qualified candidates by the criminal justice training  
22 school or selection center.

23 (8)(9)(a) If a criminal justice training school or  
24 person violates this section, or any rule adopted pursuant  
25 hereto, the Department of Legal Affairs, at the request of the  
26 chair of the commission, shall apply to the circuit court in  
27 the county in which the violation or violations occurred for  
28 injunctive relief prohibiting the criminal justice training  
29 school or person from operating contrary to this section.

30 (b)1. In addition to any injunctive relief available  
31 under paragraph (a), the commission may impose a civil fine

1 upon any criminal justice training school or person who  
2 violates subsection (1) or subsection (5), or any rule adopted  
3 pursuant thereto, of up to \$10,000 for each violation, which  
4 fine shall be paid into the Criminal Justice Standards and  
5 Training Trust Fund. The commission may impose a civil fine  
6 upon any criminal justice training school or person who  
7 violates subsection (2), subsection (3), or subsection (4), or  
8 any rule adopted pursuant thereto, of up to \$1,000 for each  
9 violation, which fine shall be paid into the Criminal Justice  
10 Standards and Training Trust Fund.

11           2. A proceeding under this paragraph shall comply with  
12 the provisions of chapter 120, and the final order of the  
13 commission constitutes final agency action for the purposes of  
14 chapter 120. When the commission imposes a civil fine and the  
15 fine is not paid within a reasonable time, the Department of  
16 Legal Affairs, at the request of the chair of the commission,  
17 shall bring a civil action under the provisions of s. 120.69  
18 to recover the fine. The commission and the Department of  
19 Legal Affairs are not required to post any bond in any  
20 proceeding herein.

21           Section 7. Section 943.17, Florida Statutes, is  
22 amended to read:

23           943.17 Basic recruit, advanced, and career development  
24 training programs; participation; cost; evaluation.--The  
25 commission shall, by rule, design, implement, maintain,  
26 evaluate, and revise entry requirements and job-related  
27 curricula and performance standards for basic recruit,  
28 advanced, and career development training programs and  
29 courses. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, a  
30 methodology to assess relevance of the subject matter to the  
31 job, student performance, and instructor competency.

1 (1) The commission shall:

2 (a) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, ~~and~~ revise,  
3 or adopt a basic recruit training program for the purpose of  
4 providing minimum employment training qualifications for all  
5 officers to be employed or appointed in each discipline.

6 (b) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, ~~and~~ revise,  
7 or adopt an advanced training program which is limited to  
8 those courses enhancing an officer's knowledge, skills, and  
9 abilities for the job he or she performs.

10 (c) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, ~~and~~ revise,  
11 or adopt a career development training program which is  
12 limited to those courses related to promotion to a higher rank  
13 or position. Career development courses will not be eligible  
14 for funding as provided in s. 943.25(9).

15 (d) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, revise, or  
16 adopt a specialized training program consisting of identified  
17 goals and objectives that enhance an officer's ability to  
18 perform his or her duties.~~For any existing or newly~~  
19 ~~established course, adopt an examination and assessment~~  
20 ~~instrument that is job-related and measures an officer's~~  
21 ~~acquisition of knowledge, skills, and abilities. An acceptable~~  
22 ~~level of measurable student performance shall also be~~  
23 ~~developed for each course.~~

24 (e) Implement, administer, maintain, and revise a  
25 job-related officer certification examination for each  
26 discipline.

27 (f) Acknowledge any specialized training course  
28 approved by the commission prior to October 1, 1984, as an  
29 inservice training course under s. 943.175, except that the  
30 radar training course developed under former s. 943.14(14),  
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1 Florida Statutes 1983, shall be considered an approved  
2 advanced training program course.

3 (g) Assure that entrance into the basic recruit  
4 training program for law enforcement, correctional, and  
5 correctional probation officers be limited to those who have  
6 passed a basic skills examination and assessment instrument,  
7 based on a job task analysis in each discipline and adopted by  
8 the commission.

9 (2) The commission is encouraged to design, implement,  
10 maintain, evaluate, and revise criminal justice training  
11 courses, or to enter into contracts for such training courses,  
12 that are intended to provide for the safety and well-being of  
13 the citizens of and visitors to this state.

14 (3) The program shall be responsible for the accuracy  
15 of curriculum content through the identification and revision  
16 of typographical or grammatical errors, incorrect statutory  
17 citations, or information which can be identified as  
18 inaccurate by superior references. The commission shall be  
19 advised of any revision, and a copy of revised curricula shall  
20 be provided to all criminal justice training schools.

21 (4) The commission may, by rule, establish a  
22 sponsorship program for prospective officers. The rule shall  
23 specify the provisions of s. 943.13 that must be satisfied  
24 prior to the prospective officer's enrollment in a basic  
25 recruit training course. However, the rule shall not conflict  
26 with any laws or rules of the Department of Education relating  
27 to student enrollment.

28 (5) The commission, in consultation with the Florida  
29 Violent Crime and Drug Control Council, shall establish  
30 standards for basic and advanced training programs for law  
31 enforcement officers in the subjects of investigating and

1 preventing violent crime. After January 1, 1995, every basic  
2 skills course required in order for law enforcement officers  
3 to obtain initial certification must include training on  
4 violent crime prevention and investigations.

5 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 943.173, Florida  
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 943.173 Examinations; administration; materials not  
8 public records; disposal of materials.--

9 (2) Each advanced and career development course  
10 examination ~~adopted by the commission~~ shall be administered at  
11 a certified criminal justice training school under the  
12 supervision of the training center director.

13 Section 9. Section 943.175, Florida Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15 943.175 Inservice ~~and specialized~~ training.--

16 (1) Inservice training programs, consisting of courses  
17 established, implemented, and evaluated by an employing  
18 agency, are the responsibility of the employing agency.  
19 Inservice ~~Specialized~~ training programs, consisting of courses  
20 established, implemented, and evaluated by a criminal justice  
21 training school, are the responsibility of the criminal  
22 justice training school. Inservice ~~and specialized~~ training  
23 programs or courses need not be approved by the commission.

24 ~~(2) The commission shall, by rule, establish~~  
25 ~~procedures and criteria whereby an employing agency or~~  
26 ~~criminal justice training school seeking commission approval~~  
27 ~~of a specialized training program or course must submit the~~  
28 ~~program or course to the commission for evaluation. The~~  
29 ~~procedures and criteria shall include, but are not limited to,~~  
30 ~~a demonstration of job relevance and quality of instruction.~~

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1           (2)~~(3)~~ Inservice ~~or specialized~~ training courses or  
2 programs shall not be part of the programs or courses  
3 established by the commission pursuant to s. 943.17, nor shall  
4 they be used to qualify an officer for salary incentive  
5 payment provided under s. 943.22.

6           Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
7 943.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8           943.22 Salary incentive program for full-time  
9 officers.--

10           (1) For the purpose of this section, the term:

11           (a) "Accredited college, university, or community  
12 college" means a college, university, or community college  
13 which has been accredited by the Southern Association of  
14 Colleges and Schools, another regional accrediting agency, or  
15 the Accrediting Commission for Independent Colleges and  
16 Schools ~~American Association of Collegiate Registrars and~~  
17 ~~Admissions Officers.~~

18           Section 11. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 943.25,  
19 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20           943.25 Criminal justice trust funds; source of funds;  
21 use of funds.--

22           (2) There is created, within the Department of Law  
23 Enforcement, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust  
24 Fund for the purpose of providing for the payment of necessary  
25 and proper expenses incurred by the operation of the  
26 commission and the Criminal Justice Professionalism Program  
27 and providing commission-approved criminal justice advanced  
28 and specialized training and criminal justice training school  
29 enhancements and of establishing the provisions of s. 943.17  
30 and developing the specific tests provided under s.  
31 943.12(9)~~(10)~~. The program shall administer the Criminal

1 Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund and shall report the  
2 status of the fund at each regularly scheduled commission  
3 meeting.

4 (6) ~~No~~ Training, room, or board cost may not be  
5 assessed against any officer or employing agency for any  
6 advanced and specialized training course funded from the  
7 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund and offered  
8 through a criminal justice training school certified by the  
9 commission. Such expenses shall be paid from the trust fund  
10 and are not reimbursable by the officer. Travel costs to and  
11 from the training site are the responsibility of the trainee  
12 or employing agency. Any compensation, including, but not  
13 limited to, salaries and benefits, paid to any person during  
14 the period of training shall be fixed and determined by the  
15 employing agency; and such compensation shall be paid directly  
16 to the person.

17 (a) The commission shall develop a policy of  
18 reciprocal payment for training officers from regions other  
19 than the region providing the training.

20 (b) An officer who is not employed or appointed by an  
21 employing agency of this state may attend a course funded by  
22 the trust fund, provided the officer is required to pay to the  
23 criminal justice training school all training costs incurred  
24 for her or his attendance.

25 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph  
26 (b) of subsection (2), paragraph (b) of subsection (3), and  
27 paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 316.640, Florida  
28 Statutes, are amended to read:

29 316.640 Enforcement.--The enforcement of the traffic  
30 laws of this state is vested as follows:

31 (1) STATE.--

1           (a)1.a. The Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the  
2 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Division  
3 of Law Enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
4 Commission, the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department  
5 of Environmental Protection, and law enforcement officers of  
6 the Department of Transportation each have authority to  
7 enforce all of the traffic laws of this state on all the  
8 streets and highways thereof and elsewhere throughout the  
9 state wherever the public has a right to travel by motor  
10 vehicle. The Division of the Florida Highway Patrol may employ  
11 as a traffic accident investigation officer any individual who  
12 successfully completes ~~at least 200 hours of~~ instruction in  
13 traffic accident investigation and court presentation through  
14 the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the  
15 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and funded  
16 through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or  
17 a similar program approved by the commission, but who does not  
18 necessarily meet the uniform minimum standards established by  
19 the commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law  
20 enforcement officers under chapter 943. Any such traffic  
21 accident investigation officer who makes an investigation at  
22 the scene of a traffic accident may issue traffic citations,  
23 based upon personal investigation, when he or she has  
24 reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a person who  
25 was involved in the accident committed an offense under this  
26 chapter, chapter 319, chapter 320, or chapter 322 in  
27 connection with the accident. This paragraph does not permit  
28 the carrying of firearms or other weapons, nor do such  
29 officers have arrest authority other than for the issuance of  
30 a traffic citation as authorized in this paragraph.  
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1           b. University police officers shall have authority to  
2 enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when such  
3 violations occur on or about any property or facilities that  
4 are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of  
5 the State University System, except that traffic laws may be  
6 enforced off-campus when hot pursuit originates on-campus.

7           c. Community college police officers shall have the  
8 authority to enforce all the traffic laws of this state only  
9 when such violations occur on any property or facilities that  
10 are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of  
11 the community college system.

12           d. Police officers employed by an airport authority  
13 shall have the authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of  
14 this state only when such violations occur on any property or  
15 facilities that are owned or operated by an airport authority.

16           (I) An airport authority may employ as a parking  
17 enforcement specialist any individual who successfully  
18 completes a training program established and approved by the  
19 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for parking  
20 enforcement specialists but who does not otherwise meet the  
21 uniform minimum standards established by the commission for  
22 law enforcement officers or auxiliary or part-time officers  
23 under s. 943.12. Nothing in this sub-sub-subparagraph shall be  
24 construed to permit the carrying of firearms or other weapons,  
25 nor shall such parking enforcement specialist have arrest  
26 authority.

27           (II) A parking enforcement specialist employed by an  
28 airport authority is authorized to enforce all state, county,  
29 and municipal laws and ordinances governing parking only when  
30 such violations are on property or facilities owned or  
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1 operated by the airport authority employing the specialist, by  
2 appropriate state, county, or municipal traffic citation.

3 e. The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement of the  
4 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall have the  
5 authority to enforce traffic laws of this state only as  
6 authorized by the provisions of chapter 570. However, nothing  
7 in this section shall expand the authority of the Office of  
8 Agricultural Law Enforcement at its agricultural inspection  
9 stations to issue any traffic tickets except those traffic  
10 tickets for vehicles illegally passing the inspection station.

11 f. School safety officers shall have the authority to  
12 enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when such  
13 violations occur on or about any property or facilities which  
14 are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of  
15 the district school board.

16 2. An agency of the state as described in subparagraph  
17 1. is prohibited from establishing a traffic citation quota. A  
18 violation of this subparagraph is not subject to the penalties  
19 provided in chapter 318.

20 3. Any disciplinary action taken or performance  
21 evaluation conducted by an agency of the state as described in  
22 subparagraph 1. of a law enforcement officer's traffic  
23 enforcement activity must be in accordance with written  
24 work-performance standards. Such standards must be approved by  
25 the agency and any collective bargaining unit representing  
26 such law enforcement officer. A violation of this subparagraph  
27 is not subject to the penalties provided in chapter 318.

28 (2) COUNTIES.--

29 (b) The sheriff's office of each county may employ as  
30 a traffic crash investigation officer any individual who  
31 successfully completes ~~at least 200 hours of~~ instruction in

1 traffic crash investigation and court presentation through the  
2 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) as approved by  
3 the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and  
4 funded through the National Highway Traffic Safety  
5 Administration (NHTSA) or a similar program approved by the  
6 commission, but who does not necessarily otherwise meet the  
7 uniform minimum standards established by the commission for  
8 law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement officers  
9 under chapter 943. Any such traffic crash investigation  
10 officer who makes an investigation at the scene of a traffic  
11 crash may issue traffic citations when, based upon personal  
12 investigation, he or she has reasonable and probable grounds  
13 to believe that a person who was involved has committed an  
14 offense under this chapter in connection with the crash. This  
15 paragraph does not permit the carrying of firearms or other  
16 weapons, nor do such officers have arrest authority other than  
17 for the issuance of a traffic citation as authorized in this  
18 paragraph.

19 (3) MUNICIPALITIES.--

20 (b) The police department of a chartered municipality  
21 may employ as a traffic crash investigation officer any  
22 individual who successfully completes ~~at least 200 hours of~~  
23 instruction in traffic crash investigation and court  
24 presentation through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program  
25 (STEP) as approved by the Criminal Justice Standards and  
26 Training Commission and funded through the National Highway  
27 Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) or a similar program  
28 approved by the commission, but who does not otherwise meet  
29 the uniform minimum standards established by the commission  
30 for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement  
31 officers under chapter 943. Any such traffic crash

1 investigation officer who makes an investigation at the scene  
2 of a traffic crash is authorized to issue traffic citations  
3 when, based upon personal investigation, he or she has  
4 reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a person  
5 involved has committed an offense under the provisions of this  
6 chapter in connection with the crash. Nothing in this  
7 paragraph shall be construed to permit the carrying of  
8 firearms or other weapons, nor shall such officers have arrest  
9 authority other than for the issuance of a traffic citation as  
10 authorized above.

11 (5)(a) Any sheriff's department or police department  
12 of a municipality may employ, as a traffic infraction  
13 enforcement officer, any individual who successfully completes  
14 ~~at least 200 hours of~~ instruction in traffic enforcement  
15 procedures and court presentation through the Selective  
16 Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the Division of  
17 Criminal Justice Standards and Training of the Department of  
18 Law Enforcement, or through a similar program, but who does  
19 not necessarily otherwise meet the uniform minimum standards  
20 established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
21 Commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law  
22 enforcement officers under s. 943.13. Any such traffic  
23 infraction enforcement officer who observes the commission of  
24 a traffic infraction or, in the case of a parking infraction,  
25 who observes an illegally parked vehicle may issue a traffic  
26 citation for the infraction when, based upon personal  
27 investigation, he or she has reasonable and probable grounds  
28 to believe that an offense has been committed which  
29 constitutes a noncriminal traffic infraction as defined in s.  
30 318.14.

31 Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises provisions relating to criminal justice standards and training. Requires the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to conduct inquiries of criminal justice training instructors. Authorizes physician assistants to examine law enforcement officers as a condition of employment. Revises provisions relating to minimum basic training for temporary employees and officers. Deletes requirement to provide a remediation program for certain officers. Clarifies authority of agencies to employ officers certified in multiple disciplines. Revises provisions relating to commission-certified criminal justice training schools. Authorizes employing agencies to submit information regarding fingerprints and criminal history checks. Revises provisions relating to basic recruit, advanced, and career development programs. Provides for a specialized training program. Removes requirement that certain examinations be adopted by the commission. Removes provisions relating to specialized training programs. Clarifies authority for accreditation. Prohibits the assessment of costs for advanced and specialized training under certain circumstances. Revises provisions relating to required instruction for certain traffic officers.